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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful last few weeks we have had here at Brighstone! There is so much to celebrate at our very special school. The SATs results are an especial cause for us all to congratulate Year 6 for their hard work and what a result it was – overall 70% of our children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined (National is 65%).

The new Ofsted framework encourages us to look at a broad curriculum. This is something that is already happening at Brighstone – from our science and language provision to Forest schools to Mr. Goldsmith's sports provision. It is heartening to read each week in the Buzz of our children's participation and successes in all sorts of sports and other events around the Island. This was recognized in our interim Section 8 Ofsted monitoring visit in May.

It is the normal expectation of small rural schools to have combined classes. This year, Years 5 and 6 have been combined, giving them an opportunity to work together as a larger group of children. Year 5 will begin in September knowing and being known by their class teacher, giving them a very smart transition into Year 6. All teaching is differentiated for each child, and governors support the school in providing appropriate challenge for all. Next year, Years 3 and 4 will be combined and we will see so many positive outcomes in terms of social interaction, leadership and access to sports, all of which enables the children to become more confident and resilient when they eventually move on to their secondary schools.

I would like to thank all our dedicated and hard working staff, under the inspirational leadership of Mrs Fox; each of them is so professional and caring, and their daily motivation is simply to enable your children to be the best they can be.

Finally let's give a big cheer for Year 6 as they set off into their new lives, and we wish them much happiness and luck as they leave Brighstone Primary School.

With best wishes,

Didi Nicholson

Chair of Governors