



HELLO YEAR 6, SOON TO BE YEAR 7!

I hope you and those around you are all keeping well.

My name is Mr Emery and I'm going to be your Progress Leader for your first two years at Higham Lane School.

I'm going to be writing to you weekly between now and the end of term to keep you updated with how things are going at school and share information with you.

We are creeping closer to the summer holidays, something that every other year sees students and staff alike are counting the days down until the final day of term. It has a very different feel to it this year but with the changes in restrictions that have already taken place and those that are planned over the coming weeks there may be a few more things to look forward to. I'm still waiting to hear if our camping holiday in Dorset is going ahead or not. Have you got something to look forward to that you thought you might miss out on?

After prompting many happy memories writing the message last week I attempted to fully get into the festival spirit by camping in the garden and listening to lots of music over the weekend. This was all going so well until about 05:00 on Saturday morning when I was woken up by beautiful birdsong and the sunrise. If it wasn't so early I'd have felt this was the perfect start to the day. A few minutes later with the sky slightly duller the rain began, lightly at first but then quite heavy and I was wide awake with the noise of the rain hitting the tent and a few drips inside the main part of the tent. I tried desperately to tough out this situation but after a short while I made the only decision I felt I could and left my daughter and partner in the tent, both still fast asleep and went into the house and got into bed. I promptly drifted off back to sleep until I was awoken by the house phone ringing at 08:30, with multiple missed calls on my mobile, asking for my assistance to unzip the tent that had collapsed at the front, so the rest of my family could join me in the dry. I wasn't very popular at this point but the offer of bacon and egg sandwiches smoothed things over.

I bet you thought I wasn't going to mention football this week, how could I not! Liverpool have achieved something that they haven't managed to achieve since I was about your age and are League Champions! I mentioned Miss Hemmings getting excited last week but found myself equally excitable watching Chelsea win, to hand the title to Liverpool. What made it even more enjoyable, not that I thought this was possible, was the messages of congratulations that were sent by supporters and representatives of other teams. This demonstrated some exceptional sportsmanship despite the disappointment that would be felt at the time. I think this also means for those of you that are not interested in football that I need to find something else to talk about!

We are in the process of arranging for your new form tutors to make contact with you to introduce themselves to you and your parents/carers. This is something we normally do face to face in school around this time of year and hopefully we will be able to find a convenient time to speak to you or your parent/carer on the phone.

Enjoy the weekend, and keep being sensible and following the advice that has been given.

Stay safe.

Mr Emery

