



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.

This week has been interesting for me as I have been meeting with members of staff involved in the transition meetings that have been taking place with your current school. I'm starting to find out a little bit about you, even if it is just a name on a list at the minute. We are still looking into ways to adapt the transition process to support you starting with us, taking into consideration the ever-changing government guidance and hopefully we will be in a position to update you with our next steps soon.

Liverpool have made a good start on their return to football; Miss Hemmings (Progress Leader for Year 10) was texting me on Wednesday during the win. I think she's getting a bit excited as, unlike me, she wasn't born last time Liverpool won the league! As I'm writing this on Thursday, enjoying the sunshine, Liverpool could be champions already if Manchester City don't win tonight. I'll be joining Mr Kelly cheering on Chelsea later, something that hasn't happened many times before. I have to send this message to Mr Kelly for him to make sure I'm not talking about football too much, or possibly to make sure I'm not saying bad things about Chelsea. It feels like I'm handing in a piece of homework!

Moving away from football, this weekend would usually see the Glastonbury music festival taking place. I've been fortunate to attend on a few occasions and find it very difficult to put into words what an amazing experience you have when you go. Aside from the phenomenal headline acts and other performers on the main stages, there is so much going on: theatre performances, a cinema, a circus, poetry, comedy, to name a few of the performances you could experience. Which of these would make you want to go, or would you be put off by camping? There is also a real community spirit and a tolerance of others that I wish was evident more outside of the big wall that contains the festival. The ethos of being understanding and kind to one another is something that we share with the festival and promote and encourage within school.

I've been embracing modern technology today and asking my google dot to play various artists I've seen at the festival on Spotify; it has brought back some truly magnificent memories. The weather is due to change tomorrow, more in keeping with the tradition of the festival. We have decided we are going to camp in the garden and try and recreate the experience as best we can this weekend. If it rains too much, I might sneak into the house though.

How have you got on with the challenges you have been set? I've not completed any more of the ones that have been set for you; I did try the weekly quiz that was sent to our current Year 7 and 8 students. I achieved a respectable score of 15 out of 20 which I was a little disappointed with. I should have matched the 16 I got the previous time I attempted the quiz, but I made the big mistake of not reading one of the questions correctly. I read the start, assumed the rest of the question, and got the answer wrong. A valuable lesson learnt: always read the question carefully!

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

Stay safe.

Mr Emery

