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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back, to what I am sure, will be a busy and fun filled term. I hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas holiday and your 2018 has started in a very positive manner.

### **Curriculum and Interventions**

This term we will be continuing to engage the children with an exciting and in-depth curriculum and we will maintain our strong focus on Maths and English. A standard part of school life at Hamworthy Park Junior School is to use our excellent Teaching Assistants to ensure that alongside the class teachers the children are continually supported and challenged. To clarify, the term 'intervention' refers to additional support given to children to help them make further progress. This can be completed both individually and in small groups and applies to all children of all abilities across the whole curriculum. Nearly all children at some point throughout the week receive some aspect of intervention. This may mean that your child works with a different adult, outside of the classroom for a period of time. Interventions predominately occur during the afternoon, It is a highly effective method for ensuring the most positive outcomes for all children.

The challenge is to ensure that the children still have access to a full curriculum alongside their work on English and Maths. We regularly use whole days devoted to one area of the curriculum to ensure that we have a wide curriculum full of experiences for all the children.

### **Celebrating Success**

At Hamworthy Park Junior School we take every opportunity to celebrate success with children and staff. As you will be aware I made a decision in September to no longer use the merit system that had been in place within the school for a number of years.

We felt as a school that it no longer was a system that supported our expectations and systems for positive behaviours and acknowledging success. Our House Point system is still in full flow and our Celebration Assemblies recognise individuals from classes who have had particular success within school. Positive praise and reinforcement of positive behaviours are a fundamental part of life at Hamworthy Park Junior School.

If at any point you wish to speak to your child's class teacher regarding any aspect of their time in school, then please don't hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment.

Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement with your child's education and I look forward to seeing you throughout the Spring term.

Best wishes and happy 2018.

Mr J Lumber  
Head of School

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