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Dear parents and carers,

I am very pleased to be able to end the year with some exciting news.

Some of you may have seen a press release from [Herefordshire Council](#) released yesterday, announcing their proposals to expand our school. This means that we are now able to confirm that the Council have approved funding for some significant improvement work for JMHS. This, coupled with some funding that developers must provide for local schools to expand, means that we can expect to see significant improvements to the site over the next two years.

When the children return in September they will see a new canopy, extending our canteen, providing much needed additional seating space and protection from the elements. They will also see a second practical food room, so that we can meet the increased demand for our food GCSE. In the long term, we hope for the creation of new teaching spaces, a larger library, and some improvements and renovations to existing spaces – though everything is subject to planning permission and consultation. We hope to use these facilities to improve the offer we can give to the local community, opening up some for public hire and use.

In the long run, these spaces would mean we could fit in another form group per year, moving from 150 children to 180 children. I know that when I joined the school one of the most common questions I was asked was whether there were plans for us to expand, given the local housing developments, and I hope this expansion reassures you. We are already oversubscribed, so the new facilities will help us make sure there are always places for families who want to join our community.

It is also important that I say that as and when we grow, we will never lose sight of what makes our school special. A community where we support each other, excellent and enjoyable learning, helping each individual to achieve their personal best. These features of our school have been very much on display in yesterday's sports day, and this afternoon's whole-school celebration assembly. I love the times that we are all together, and seeing the support, gratitude and positivity that fill our community.

Thank you for all of your support this year, and thank you for sending us your children every day. It is an absolute joy to work with them. We hope they, and you, have a wonderful six weeks. We look forward to welcoming them back in September.

Yours sincerely,

John Holmes
Headteacher