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Dear Parent/Carer

As the session is drawing to a close, I want to take this opportunity to update you on some things happening before the end of term.

Sports Day

Unfortunately, due to Covid mitigations, schools are not able to hold typical sports days; they need to be class specific and can have no parents in attendance. As we are still wanting to have a sports event there will be specific class heats/events prior to the end of term. As would happen on sports day, there will be house points earned to give a winning house for sports day.

Celebration of Success

This event has also been impacted by Covid mitigations so has given us the chance to consider something different. As we can't have parents in school, we will put together a video with the winners as well as class highlights of the year. Once the video is completed the link will be emailed out to parents.

Class Photos

As photographers are not currently allowed in school it is not possible to take the individual or group photos. That said, there are normally P1 and P7 year group photos and we are planning for a member of school staff to attempt to take the P1 and P7 photos to still allow these milestone years to be marked. The photographs will be emailed out to parents.

Reports

Staff are busy writing the annual reports for pupils and they will be issued in the last week of term. The reports will reflect what pupils have learned in school as well as learning at home.

Transition to Next Year

The transitions for nursery pupils into P1 and P7 into S1 all need to take place virtually this year. In the past we've had the whole school 'move up' for a morning so they can be in their new classroom with their new teacher. Although this is not possible this year, we are planning for the pupils to spend a short amount of time with the person who will be teaching them next year. I know that everyone will be eager to hear which teacher will be teaching which class next year; we are currently in the process of finalising this and you will be notified of this soon.



Last Day of Term

The Parent Council have suggested that it would be nice for pupils to dress differently on the last day of term. Therefore, should they wish to do so, pupils are welcome to come to school wearing multi-coloured clothes on Thursday 24th June. We hope it will be a colourful end to a very different year!

As with life in general, this school year has been exceptional. It has provided staff, pupils and parents with various challenges which have been met time and time again. Through necessity it has also provided us with the opportunity to consider different ways of doing things. Some things have worked well, and other things have been greatly missed, like being able to play with whoever you want, wherever you want in the playgrounds. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your feedback about various processes throughout the year; working with parents has allowed us to refine and improve some aspects. We greatly appreciate the help you have given us throughout the year; it would have been much harder without the continued support of the parent body.

If you have any questions about these arrangements, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours faithfully

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