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Dear Parents and Carers

Well we now once again come to the end of another busy school year. I think we thought and hoped that this school year was going to be a return to a greater sense of normality but it certainly has not worked out that way! However, with the continuous support you have given our school throughout the past 12 months we have had a very good year. We have adapted and flexed to meet the challenges that the national pandemic has thrown at us all with positivity and a 'can do' approach! We truly value the great partnership we have with you all.

Fond Farewell Year 6

We say a fond farewell to all our year 6 pupils who leave us to start the next stage of their school journey in senior school. They take with them lots of happy memories. We wish them great success and happiness. It has been a sheer delight having each and every one of the children as members of our school family. What superstars they all are!

School Reports

All children should have received their school reports this week and I would like to thank parents for the lovely comments we have had returned. The children have worked incredibly hard this year under difficult circumstances and we are very proud of them all. Over the summer holidays, please try to find time to read with your child and share some stories at home. Reading has been proved to support academic and social progress. Every little helps!

Extra- Curricular provision and Additional Opportunities this Year

I am very proud of the wider opportunities offered to our students beyond the curriculum, and I am grateful to the colleagues who go above and beyond to widen our students' horizons. There have been so many highlights including author visits, science shows, trips out of school, skiing and climbing, the annual Robinwood trip, visitors into school, virtual reality shows, theatre visits, zoolab, show racism the red card workshops, skipping workshops, laser tag workshops, Newspaper club, Burnley football workshops and the end of year FUNDA visit. This week, it was lovely to see the children having such fun on the inflatables and I am so pleased that as a school (despite the heat) we were able to make adaptations so that the children could access this fun experience.



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Not only has the school participated in a vast number of sports competitions this year but we have also experienced our first ever colour run. I hope that this is a memory our Year 6 children will treasure. Our Year 4 children have received praise for their sportsmanship and the Year 5 and 6 children won the swimming gala in style. Children have continued to have experiences such as GoVelo and many children have developed their cycling abilities this year.

In music, the choir have taken part in Young Voices and we have seen string and brass concerts from the Year 5 and 6 children. The year 3 and 4 children have discovered new skills on the keyboard and ukulele and the Year 6 children experienced digital music creation for the first time this year. Even in the infants the children have astounded us with their recorder playing!

One of the highlights of the year for many children was the robotics workshops and the children enjoyed building and programming their robots. I am sure that we have hopefully inspired some engineers of the future! The staff highlight was the art gallery that showcased the children's amazing skills and I would like to thank Miss Birch for her work on this event.

It is only when you look back on the year, that you realise all the wonderful opportunities our children have taken part in and I am grateful for all of your support in ensuring that we are able to provide such an array of experiences beyond the curriculum.

Building Work

Throughout the summer holidays, the school will be having a heating system replacement as we move to becoming a greener school. This is extensive work in school funded by the local authority and we are lucky to have received this capital project. We have been informed that it is likely that some works may still be continuing into the new year but it will not impact upon our return to school date.

We are also looking forward to the work starting on the junior trim trail and I know the children are looking forward to this new addition to the playground.

A big thank you

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our brilliant staff for their dedication and hard work this school year. We are truly blessed with a wonderful staff team who are committed to ensuring every child has the best school experiences.

On behalf all of the staff and governors can I wish you all a lovely and hopefully **sunny** summer holiday.

We look forward to seeing all the children, in full uniform, on **Monday 5th September** as we begin our new school year.

Keep safe and well.

Mrs N Longstaff

