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Dear Parents & Carers,

Well what a year this has been for our community and I am proud of you all for the way you have rallied together at this difficult time. It was lovely to see all the Year 6 families in the playground for the traditional clapping of their children out of school on the last day. It was a moving moment for the staff and I am sure for many of the parents too.

Mr Draper and his team have made a momentous effort to make the last week an enjoyable and special time for our Year 6 at a time when a lot of our usual celebratory things were not possible. The children loved the virtual talent show and Leavers assembly which they watched on the big screen yesterday in the classroom. We will send the link out for Year 6 parents via Parentmail once we have overcome some technical issues (!), so that they can watch these at home but please keep this within your group. All the rest of the school will watch this on their return in September.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the hard work the staff team has put in over the last few months. It has been a tricky time for all the staff during this period but everyone has put their all into supporting the children and their families.

Face to Face transition

It was great to see so many of you at the short face-to-face sessions for those year groups that were not able to come back. We all wished it could have been longer but with logistics of cleaning required and not able to occur until existing bubbles had finished we had to find a creative solution. It was so lovely to be able to see all pupils before the summer holidays.

Summer Postcards

During the summer holidays each child will receive a card from us through the post so do look out for it. Children will have also received a blank postcard which they can send back to us as part of our summer challenges, which their class teacher from September have arranged. These were given out at the face-to-face transition events or in school if your child is currently attending.

One of the key things that will help your child in September is continuing to practise reading skills which they have been doing so well with during home-learning. You can still access all the books on Myon over the summer. We have also bought a subscription for Sumdog which is no longer free so that our learning community can continue to use it over the summer and into next year. You can continue to use login details given to you back in March. This is a great resource for practising maths, spelling and grammar.

Getting help over the summer

We very much appreciate that the summer holidays can be a long time for you and your family. I have included a link below to the Dorset Council website page where you can find support for your family over the summer

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/get-help-for-your-family/getting-help-for-your-family.aspx>



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Your local Family Partnership Zone is able to book appointments for you to discuss parenting and behaviour strategies by calling your local West Dorset team. Their number is 01308 421714 or email them on westfamilypartnershipzone@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
Our link worker is Claire Roper.

As always our website has lots of information about well-being and signposting to local services that can help you and your child's emotional health.

PTA update

Well done to all of those that took part last Friday in the Zoom quiz with Jo Neary and son Will hosting the quiz. It was a fun opportunity to get together virtually and well done to the Barber household who won the quiz. I do hope you will all take part in the Broadwindsor School Fun Run. There is a Just Giving page to sponsor your child and/or for donating money to raise future funds. Spread the word and the link to support the PTA raising vital funds for the school. Last time I looked we had already raised £635 which is amazing. The PTA will be sending sent out a Parentmail message today to update you, with the link included.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their support this year. I would also like to wish all our Year 6 leavers all the best for September and beyond.

When you return in September, there will be some changes within classrooms to meet the new guidelines, but we are all committed to make school as normal as possible. The risk assessment for September will be placed on the school website during the summer holidays.

We return to school on Monday 7th September and will be ready to welcome children between 8.30 and 8.45am. Please do not arrive earlier than this to ensure that parents are not gathering around the gates. We will also be using the gate at the top of the MUGA for Key Stage 2 pupils.

Thank you for all the kind messages, cards and gifts – all very much appreciated. I do hope you all have a lovely holiday and are able to go out and the weather is kind to us all.

Have a wonderful summer holiday and stay safe and happy.

Philip Smith
Head Teacher



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