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Dear Parents and Carers,

In school we are busily preparing for the end of term to make sure that everything goes home that needs to. We are not sending the children's workbooks home this time as we will continue to use them in the Autumn for the first few weeks before the children move up to their new class.

We said our goodbyes to our Year 5s on Friday as they will not be in this week, but I know they are looking forward to becoming our new Year 6s in September. Our present Year 6s have been practising their end of year speeches today so I know it really will be a solemn end to a very strange year. Who knew that after our Ofsted inspection in December, that life would become even more challenging!

September

After all the uncertainty this year, the government is expecting schools to reopen for all children in September. Many of the measures which we put in place this term, such as the staggered drop-off/pick-up, the one-way system, staggered lunches, children remaining in their class bubbles, the wearing of visors and the temperature checks every day, will still be in place in September. Attendance is compulsory in September, but hopefully, after seeing how successfully we have been able to bring all the year groups back, parents will feel confident in sending children back to school. I have certainly missed having everyone here. It will be a while before we will be having assemblies again so I will let you know when the first Team Assembly is. I look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday 4th of September and just to remind you, the children will still be in the same year groups (and classrooms) which they have been in this year until Monday 21st September.

Governor Vacancies

From September we will have two governor vacancies. The role of school governor is very important to the running of the school and governors help to make very important decisions e.g. with safeguarding, finance and health and well-being as well as looking at the progress of the children. If this is something you are interested in, please contact me and I can let you know more information or put you in contact with Steve Townsend who is our Chair of Governors.

I would like to say a big thank you to Vicky Jones who has served on our governing body for the past two years until this summer.

Achievement from Home and School

Bronze Athletics certificates were awarded to; Pablo, Fay, Ivy, Issy B, Ryan, Oliver, Harry, Orla, Tilda, Alfie D, Amalie, Joshua, Gracie, Oskar, Catherine, Ruby P, Kayla, Abigail, Harry S, Patrick, Ruby T, Harry T and Sonny W. Well done Pablo, Oliver, Oskar and Ruby P for achieving their **Silver Athletics** award. The **Spelling Shed** super spellers award this week belongs to Durrington class with 38,234,146 points!

Family Goodbyes

During lockdown Amy and Tyler moved house and will start in a new school in September. It was lovely to see them via Zoom to say our goodbyes. We will also be saying goodbye to the families of the following Year 6 children; Lily Mae, Orla and Tilda, Sonny, Gracie, Francesca, Thea and Lilly and I would like to thank them all for their continued support throughout their time with us.

Letters/Parentmail Home

- Summer Reading Challenge

Dates

- **Tuesday 21st July:** Year 6 Leavers' Assembly; 11am on the back field (12 o'clock finish)
- **Tuesday 21st July: End of term; 1 o'clock finish for all children**
- **Thursday 3rd September:** Autumn term begins with current teachers in the same classrooms
- **Monday 14th September:** First Meet the Teacher transition session in school (including new Reception children)

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- **Wednesday 16th September:** Second Meet the Teacher transition session in school (including new Reception children)
- **Monday 21st September:** Whole school transition day into new classes
- **Week beginning 28th September:** Meet the Teacher sessions for parents
- **Friday 23rd October:** Non-pupil day
- **Monday 26th-Friday 30th October:** Half term
- **Monday 2nd November:** Non-pupil day

Have a TERRIFIC summer,

Stay safe,

Lorna Brittain