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OUR LEARNING JOURNEY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 End of Year Events and Assessments 2021

As we approach the end of another academic year, our thoughts turn to the Year 6 children and the preparations we are making for their transition to secondary school. This is always a really special time for the children and we are planning for this to be the case this year despite the disruption we have all faced. Due to the changing restrictions, it has been more difficult than usual to plan events in the same way. However, this letter provides an overview of what we have planned for your children this year, restrictions permitting. If anything changes, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Graduation Events

Virtual Concert

This year's leavers' concert will be pre-recorded and shared with parents and carers to enjoy with their children at home. Further details about the concert will be provided later in the summer term.

Year 6 Graduation

This year, we will be hosting the Year 6 graduation ceremony outside. Therefore, we have selected two possible dates in case of poor weather. The first date will be Thursday 15th July at 7:00pm. If this event has to be postponed, we will reschedule the event to Wednesday 21st July. We're also hoping to provide food and refreshments for this event to create a festival atmosphere for our children and families.

Graduation Lunch

On Thursday 22nd July, the kitchen staff will provide a special graduation lunch for the children. They will get to collectively choose their favourite main meals and desserts from the menu.



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End of Key Stage Assessments (SATS)

This week should have seen the End of Key Stage Assessments (otherwise known as SATS) taking place, which were cancelled due to the pandemic. We know that many children really enjoy the experience of preparing for these assessments as it gives them the opportunity to show everything they have learned during their time in Key Stage 2. We also pride ourselves on making 'SATS' week as relaxed and enjoyable as possible so that children feel happy and confident to do their best.

This year, we have decided to complete our own, less formal, assessment week using past SATS papers to assess children's progress. This will take place next week. We understand that this may not give us a completely accurate picture of children's achievement so the outcomes of the tests will be used alongside other measures to inform teachers' own end of key stage assessments. It's important to take into account that these assessments usually test children's knowledge and understanding of the whole Key Stage 2 curriculum - not just on their learning from Year 6.

As the tests are not the usual, statutory tests, we have the luxury of being able to take a slightly more relaxed approach. Although many children enjoy test situations, we recognise not all do, and so we will support them to try their best without putting undue pressure on them.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to get in touch, either with myself or the Year 6 team.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R Whitehead". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'R'.

Rob Whitehead
Headteacher