



Dear Parents,

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'COVID-19 End of Academic Year Special'

Well... an academic year has never ended quite like this one! Coronavirus and COVID-19 forced changes upon us in schools and in society at large that we've never known before. However, I end the year, as usual, saying thank you to so many Padiham Green people! I want to thank our excellent teaching and non-teaching teams at PG for expertly and lovingly, even during the darkest of times, continuing to lead our learning and development journey here. Our provision did take the form of care latterly for a much smaller number of children but we all became KEY WORKERS for society at large in schools and I'm really proud of the part we have played.

Our Governors and leadership team have been fantastic throughout this time of crisis and our staff have continued to do a fantastic job. I know not everyone accessed the online learning that our Hero-Teacher-Website-Workers put on the website every day, but they did really provide work every day for our children to complete. I want to say well done to the Home Learning Champions and that includes every child who did any of that work. It will not be in vain. It will be useful and it will give you an advantage so well done and thanks for doing that.

Once again, I'm looking forward to next year starting but this year for very different reasons! A positive start will mean that the people will have played their part in supporting the common good to avoid a second wave of infection. That way, our school can reopen with confidence ...and social distance! That will be a thing! Please have a look at the website to see what we're asking you to do next year.

Y6 Annual Awards Winners! Whilst the majority of our Y6 Leavers' Celebrations were online, I'm delighted to report the Y6 Annual Award Winners: Art: Olivia McEvoy; Sport: Summer Burke and Thomas Wild; School Values: Tia Davies; Academic Achievement: Alivia McGowan; Resilience and PG Mindset: Katie Gourlay; and Special Recognition: Harlie Walsh and Daniel Young.

NEW HEAD BOY AND GIRL TEAM NEWS It is also my pleasure to thank our out-going team: Daniel, Tia, Katie and Callum and I'm honoured to announce our new team for 2020/2021: Head Girl: Rose Fish; Head Boy: Oliver Markham; Deputy Head Girl: Meado Horner; and Deputy Head Boy: Jake Clough. Congratulations and good luck to these children! Mrs. Gardiner will announce other responsibilities early next term for the other important roles in Year 6 next year so well done to all those children too!

And Year 6 2019/2020 MOVES ON ... in a different way! Please thank your parents and teachers for helping you leave PG with so many blessings Y6! We offer our thanks to Canon Jones and our St. Leonard's parish family for their kind gift of a Bible for each of our leavers: a traditional PG offering that is always appreciated here. We also give a hand-made cross from Mama Margret's in Nairobi, Kenya in PG colours especially ordered for our leavers. So good luck in Y7 to you all - you have been a great Y6 even though it was short-livedbut THANK YOU! Please work hard all the way to your GCSEs and from your lockdown experience, remember education is a privilege: please value it. *What happens to you is up to you too - you decide!* (Mtt.28:16-20). *And you look great in your leavers' hoodies too btw!*

And finally... So school's out for the summer today! We re-open on Wednesday 2nd September 2020. What a strange time! Please stay safe; keep a social distance; be prepared to wear a mask (even if it's for everyone else's sake); be kind; eat well; keep your teeth clean; do some exercise; do some READING (PLEASE!); and learn your tables (PLEASE!!); and relax, breathe in (and out!) ... and smile!

REALLY big love from everyone here and have a safe summer! See you in September!

God Bless, Mark Dixon, Headteacher 马克·迪克森 校长 (王大龙)