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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well.

Usually at the end of the year I report on all the brilliant things that have been happening in school to end the year. It has been a very strange end of the year as we have not been able to have our normal end of year celebrations.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all of our families who have supported their children over the past few months in keeping them safe and engaging in home learning. We know it has not been easy and we thank you for all that you have done during these difficult times.

Thank you also to all the pupils who have coped so well with the school closure. It has been brilliant to see your pictures on our Facebook page to see what you have been up to, we have missed you very much and can't wait to see you in September.

I would also like to thank our brilliant staff team for working hard to ensure that our pupils had had an exciting first half of the year full of memorable experiences. The teaching and support staff teams worked very hard to make your child's learning and time at school fun and engaging. They have created many opportunities for your child to actively demonstrate their learning through a vast range of different activities. These opportunities were taken away from them during the school closure. However, staff continued to work hard to provide home learning and to take care of the pupils who attended school.

It has not been easy for any of us to work under these circumstances and I am grateful for all that staff have done during the lockdown. I am sure we didn't get everything right for all of you but we have tried our best! I also want to thank the Site staff and cleaning teams for ensuring that our school was safe. This has not been an easy task but they have gone above and beyond to make sure staff and pupils were kept safe. The office teams have also assisted in the smooth running of the school and have ensured that all new families are ready to start with us in September. We are very lucky to have such a talented and dedicated staff team and we look forward to the new academic year where we can return to some sort of normality!

The guidance from the government has indicated that all pupils will return to school full time in September. As you can imagine the task of getting everyone back into school safely is enormous. We will be awaiting further guidance from the Department for Education and the Local Authority which will be released over the holidays. We will put updates on the school website and our social media pages when we have finalised our plans. We will definitely be having staggered start and end times of the day to keep you all safe. We will send out information for the return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2020. Pupils will return to school on **Monday 7th September 2020**. Children in Nursery and Reception will have received the dates they are due to start.

As we return in September we will be running breakfast club. Pupils attending breakfast club will have activities that they can complete individually and will be expected to remain seated during this time. This is to ensure that all pupils are kept safe and are not mixing with too many children from different bubbles. There will not be any After School clubs until January at the earliest!

School dinners in the first half term will consist of a cold service. All pupils will be eating lunches in their classrooms. They can bring their own packed lunch or can select a cold option from the lunch menu.

It has been lovely for our staff who have been able to welcome our new families to our school community. We look forward to seeing you and your children when you start with us in September.

It is now time to say goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year 6 children. We wish them all the best as they start at their new secondary schools in September. I would like to thank them for being a brilliant year group and a credit to the school and their families. I would also like to thank the families who will be leaving us this year as their children leave the school. It is always sad to see the children move on, they have all been a pleasure to teach and we hope they will come back and join us for a leavers celebration when we are able to invite them back!

Good luck to all our Nursery children who are going to a new school in September we hope you will be very happy. Thank you for all your hard work whilst you have been at our school we will miss you.

For those staff, families and children who are also leaving us this year. I would like to wish you good luck in your new schools, homes and adventures. It has been a pleasure working with you all and we will miss you.

If you need anything during the holidays, please contact us using the office email address - office@newtons.havering.sch.uk This mail box will be checked frequently and we will get back to you as soon as we are able to. If you need any support throughout the holidays, please contact the Havering Early Help team via children's services on 01708433222.

Have a brilliant summer with your children, stay safe and well, see you all on **Monday 7th September 2020**.

H McClenaghan

Mrs H. McClenaghan
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