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Dear Parent,

As we come to the end of this very sad and difficult year for our school family, I would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support.

Children

It was a joy for the staff to welcome the children back after Easter and to hear the school full of laughter and fun again. The children have been exemplary in the manner in which they have adapted to all the constraints placed upon them during the Covid pandemic. They have washed and sanitised their hands regularly in school, kept to their bubbles and missed out on events they would have loved to take part in. There are no better children to be found in any school across Northern Ireland!

Parents

To you, our parents, who have home-schooled we really appreciate the manner in which you have engaged with the resources sent home and this has enabled your child/children to continue to make progress with their learning. I, as Acting Principal, want to thank you for respecting the fact that I wanted to spend most of my final term with my class and contacted me outside of my teaching hours. I would also like to thank you for following the school rules and doing all you can to keep both adults and children safe.

Staff

I'm sure you would want me to pay tribute to the staff of the school who have worked tirelessly to keep the school clean and Covid safe for your children over this very challenging year. We have not had to isolate any classes at all during this whole pandemic which is due in no small part to the work done in the background on a daily basis.

I would especially like to thank Mrs Crowe who stepped in to teach our P3/4 class. She has worked diligently to ensure these children have made excellent progress and have enjoyed their final term in this class. I know Mrs Crowe has loved her time in the classroom and we as a school are indebted to her.

I would also wish to thank Mr Galbraith for stepping in to work with on our Engage/Learning Support Programme. His enthusiasm and love for the children is contagious and we would like to wish him well as he moves on to begin his new post in another school.

A HUGE thank you to Miss Rainey for the work she put into producing the P7 Virtual Leavers Assembly. I know I was moved to tears by the powerful images and music! We also want to wish Miss Rainey a wonderful day on the 7th August as she marries her fiancé Robert and becomes Mrs Alcorn. We pray God's richest blessings for them as they begin married life together.

We are also delighted that God has answered our prayers for Mrs Philpott's daughter Jessica who has made a wonderful recovery from her recent, successful surgery.

Finally, a big thank you to Mrs Black for her willingness to assist with the administration of the website and who, from August, will take on full responsibility for the website's management. It is really important that the website Mobile App is downloaded to your phone to enable you to receive updates from the school.

New Term

I can only assume at present that we will be in the same situation regarding the school in September as we are now. Updated guidance is not due to be issued until mid-August when staff are back in school. Unless you hear differently, I think it best to assume that arrangements will continue as they have been this term.

School uniforms will be on sale on Thursday 19th August, from 9.30 to 12.30, and school will begin again on Wednesday 25th. Children will go home from 25th to 27th August at 12noon.

Once again thank you for your support and I trust that you will have a lovely, restful and safe summer break.

Warmest wishes

Miss Galbraith