**PLEASE make sure you read and understand this letter. If you need a translation or a verbal explanation please get in touch soon.**

**13th July 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of term we just wanted to capture our plans going forwards and to say farewell to our Year 6 children and their families.

We will be organising a Zoom farewell for our Year 6 leavers, this Friday afternoon at 2:00pm which we hope you will also be able to join in remotely. The Zoom details will be sent via a text message.

The children will be having a fun BBQ on Wednesday afternoon following social distancing protocols of course.

Many thanks to those of you who have sent cards, gifts and well wishes, it is very much appreciated. We would like to reciprocate the feelings to you all for the amazing job you have done in lock down.

The Survey Monkey questionnaire didn’t quite go to plan as we then discovered you have to pay to get the results of the information so your child’s Class Teacher will be in contact via DoJo to ask the same questions again!

We need to know what concerns you may still have? We need to know if you are intending to send your child back in September? We need to know if you intend to transport them yourself? I can reassure you that despite what you may have heard or read in the media from our Education Minister, we will not be fining any parent who does not feel it is safe for their child to return to school yet. This is your right as a parent to determine the safety and wellbeing of your child and no Government has the right to interfere with your wishes.

If your child has health care needs we will also be sending you an additional letter detailing the necessary risk assessment arrangements we hope will happen before September from our Health colleagues. Your child will not be able to return to school until this has been agreed. If you are anxious or confused as to whether your child hits this criteria please contact school.

We are also aware that this year we have a 7 week summer holiday which could not have come at a worse time given what you have already been through.

The Local Authority are planning to make their Street Games summer clubs accessible to our families and are also promising to give you an emergency contact number for support.

We will also leave our mobile numbers on the school phone system in case you need to get in touch. However, we have all been advised to give the teaching staff a break as you are aware they have been working through the holidays since March and are in need of some down time, rest and recuperation. So the DoJo and phone calls will stop from the end of term, but the Teachers will try and set you up with resources, ideas and links for the summer break.

We are also thinking about making the Rebound Therapy Centre available for parents to use over the summer break and again will be asking if any of you would like to take up this offer?

**Other updates;**

* You will be introduced to your child’s new Class Teacher remotely, and you will also receive your child’s end of year report
* You can order your child’s uniform following the link on our website
* Physiotherapy Clinics are now taking place in school again
* There is now a Local Authority Risk Assessment for School Transport which you could ask for from the Local Authority
* Good luck to the Hadrian Wall hikers this Saturday, hope you have a blister free experience
* Your child does not need to wear their uniform in September if this helps keeping their clothes for school clean daily
* Please update school with any changes to your contact details this week and SEND Transport on 2774646
* Keep an eye on our website and Facebook for updates over the summer holiday.

**School re-opens to the children on Tuesday 8th September.**

We all hope you have a safe, happy and healthy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours sincerely

Chris Rollings

Head Teacher