19th June 2020

Year 6 End of Year Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

From June 1st we invited our Year 6 children to return to the academy. The children returned sensibly, with enthusiasm and maturity – another reminder that they are ready for the next part of their learning journey. I would like to personally thank the Year 6 children that have been in school, you have acted as outstanding role models to others and we are very proud of you.

As you will be aware, the academy has been limited to EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils. We would now like to be able to offer pupils in other year groups a small amount of time in school with their class teacher before the summer break.

Due to the current restrictions and the safety of our pupils being paramount, in order to invite other year groups it is necessary for us to end the term for EYFS, Year 1 and 6 on <u>Friday 10th July</u>. This will release staff from other groups and give us the space we need to have other bubbles on site safely.

I know that the children will be disappointed however I am sure that they will understand that this gives other pupils the opportunity to have some time in school, something which they have benefitted from themselves.

Recent events are particularly hard on our Year 6 pupils and unfortunately we are unable to celebrate and mark the end of this primary chapter in the usual ways. We are however planning on broadcasting the 'Leavers' Assembly' on Friday 17th July at 9.30am on the class Facebook page. You will be able to watch this from home and there will be the same elements that have become tradition at Gentleshaw. We also hope to be able to arrange a celebration in the future when the whole year group can come back together.

I am saddened to end the final term for our Year 6 pupils in this way, it is unfortunately an outcome of the current situation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards and very best wishes

G Parsons

Headteacher