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Dear Fairfield Community,

Well this has been a year like no other, bringing many challenges. The determination of children, parents and staff to work together in new ways, ensuring continued development and support for our children, has been outstanding. Over the next week, the final week of this academic year, it will be the end of the term for different groups of children each day. It has been a delight to be able to welcome back most of the school over these past weeks; we hope they have all enjoyed it too.

Staff will send children home with any personal items left in school, such as PE kits. If your child has not been attending these sessions, please contact school to arrange collection of their PE kit.

Reports will be emailed to you on Monday, with a covering letter detailing which class they are in next year. Unfortunately, we have been unable to carry out the usual visit to their new class, but teachers have made a 'Welcome Message' video to their new pupils; you will be sent the link to these after you receive their report. We are currently considering procedures for children beginning Reception and Nursery, and will then share these with relevant parents.

I know that some of you are disappointed regarding the restriction on gifts for teachers. This text was sent out as we were receiving several enquiries as to whether it was allowed. Therefore, I wanted to explain this decision in more detail.

Firstly, government health guidelines state not to bring non-essential items to school to reduce risk of transmission of the virus. Secondly we are aware of current financial difficulties and do not want to cause additional strain on families.

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Staff are always grateful for your kindness and generosity and it is lovely to know that children have enjoyed their year, so please email if your child wishes to send a message of thanks.

Having said that, some parents have contacted school to let us know that they have already bought gifts, some personalised. If this is the case, they can be brought to school and we will follow procedures to reduce risk of transmission.

Current plans for September state that all pupils will be returning to school in September. We will be able to give further information regarding organisation, after we have received the Welsh Government Guidance, which is due next week. Over the summer holidays, google classroom will be closed.

Kath Warner, a Learning Support Assistant currently working in Dosbarth Dahl, is retiring this year. She has been a long serving member of Fairfield's community, taking on many roles over the years. We know you will join us in wishing Kath a wonderful retirement; she will be missed by us all.

As for our year 6 leavers, we wish them all the best of luck as they move to secondary school. They have shown real strength of character under these current circumstances, and to ensure they experience their 'rite of passage' we are allowing a final gathering together on the 'bank' on the last day. Year 6, you are individually wonderful and unique, and together you will be the unique leaver's of the notorious 2020! We are proud of you all!

We hope you all keep safe and have a wonderful summer. We will inform you of procedures for September as soon as we are able.

Kind regards
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