



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of term, we would like to let you know about our plans to mark the end of Year 6's time at The Ridge. Even though we will not be able to host many of our traditional end of Year 6 activities, we hope that we will be able to make the children's last few weeks special.

### **Planned Activities for the Children Currently in School**

#### **Sports Day - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July (15<sup>th</sup> July reserve)**

The children will be taking part in a range of carousel activities (including discus, shotput and the egg and spoon race) as well as some flat races. The children will need to wear their PE kit on this day and please can you make sure that the children have a sun hat and a water bottle with them and that they put on sun cream before school. (Please note that this will be just for the children - we are unable to invite parents to Sports Day on this occasion)

#### **Fish and Chips afternoon – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

We are going to host our traditional fish and chips treat afternoon for the children (more details will follow). We will also play some socially distanced games during the afternoon. We will be in touch to ask for children's choices, the cost will be covered by a kind donation from RFA.

#### **Shirt Signing – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

If the children would like to, they can bring in a school shirt to be signed on this day. We will lay these out on tables so that children are able to sign each other's shirts. Please can we ask that the children bring and use their own pen.

#### **Autograph Books**

Mrs Wall (Hannah's mom) has kindly set up a system for children to type messages to their classmates, which can then be shared and added into individual autograph books. If you would like to participate with this, please contact Mrs Wall: [pippa.wall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pippa.wall@hotmail.co.uk)

Autograph books are available to buy from school, if you wish to purchase one please send £3.00 in a named envelope in to school with your child.

#### **Leaver's Hoodies**

The children can wear their leaver's hoody during the final week of term.

#### **Leavers' Picnic**

We would have loved to have invited all Year 6 children and their parents to mark the end of Y6s time at The Ridge. However, the Local Authority have explicitly stated that due to the current restrictions, we are unable to organise gatherings for Leavers' Celebrations .



In place of this on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**, we would like the children who are currently in school to bring in a picnic, which we will have on the school field. Parents can then collect their children from the field at the usual time of between 3pm and 3:15pm.

#### **For all Y6 children**

#### **Virtual Assembly**

As we are unable to host our traditional Leavers' Assembly this year, we are going to create a video which will act as a virtual assembly. We are already planning the assembly in school and will start filming clips for the video this week. We would also like the children at home to get involved. We would love it if you were able to send in videos of your children that could be used in the assembly. This could include your child sharing one of their special memories from their time at The Ridge/ re-enacting a funny or memorable event/showcasing one of their talents/singing a song that reminds them of their time or anything that they would like to be part of the assembly. Please send videos to Miss Ball [kball@ridge.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:kball@ridge.dudley.sch.uk) by **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**. We will require permissions to include images and videos of your children and will be in touch about this. We will let you know when and how you will be able to view the Virtual Leavers' Assembly.

#### **Shirt Signing – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Children not currently in school can bring in a shirt to be signed, but this must be in school by the 15<sup>th</sup> July, we will then arrange for their shirts to be signed. They will be able to sign other children's shirts on the 16<sup>th</sup> July. This will also be an opportunity for them to be presented with their leaving gifts from the school and The Rotary Club (more details will follow).

#### **Zoom Chat Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

We would like to invite the children who are currently at home into a 'Last Day of Y6' Zoom chat during the morning of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. This will give them a chance to see their classmates in school. We will get in touch to let you know more details about this.

We have all been incredibly proud of how the children have reacted to the unique situation that they have been faced with in their final months of primary school, whether that be in school or at home. We would also like to say thank you to you all for the support you have provided to your children with home learning and to the school in a time of new challenges. We're now looking forward to celebrating the years that the children have spent at The Ridge and giving them the farewell that they deserve.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Ball: [kball@ridge.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:kball@ridge.dudley.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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