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Dear Y6 Parents/Carers,

I want to start this letter by apologising for the delay in bringing those Y6 children, who wanted to return to school, back in. We have been unable to bring the children in any earlier, due to staffing and high numbers of Key Worker children (who have priority places) needing to attend school.

However, we are now at a point that we can offer all of our Y6 children a week of Leavers' Activities from Monday 13th July – Friday 17th July. The work produced over this week will be used in a Leavers' Celebration – that will be held in the club – as soon as it is safe to do so, during the Autumn Term. (We will keep all of our Y6 families informed of any arrangements as soon as we are able to confirm dates and times – once larger gatherings are permitted.)

Arrangements for the Week:

Bubbles:

The Year 6 children have been split into two bubbles of 15. (We are sadly unable to bring the children together as a class, as whole class bubbles are not permitted until September).

- Bubble A – consists of the 15 children currently attending Key Worker school. This is Mrs Naylor's bubble based in the Y6 base.
- Bubble B – will be a newly created bubble of any Y6 children attending for this week. This is Mrs Hrab's bubble based in the Y5 base.

Times:

The Y6 children's day will run from 9.10am – 3.40pm. The children in **Bubble A** should be dropped off and collected from the fire door opposite the ABC door. **Bubble B** will enter and exit via the main door.

Please adhere to the times stated in order to reduce large gatherings at the beginning and end of the school day. You are responsible for ensuring that you are socially distanced from other families when dropping off and collecting your child.

Resources:

- The children will need to bring their own pencil cases (if possible) that will need to be left in school for the week.
- The children will need a named water bottle. This can be taken home each evening to be washed.
- The children can bring a snack into school.
- If your child has a packed lunch, can we ask that food is either brought in a plastic Tupperware box that can be washed each evening or in tin foil/bags that can be thrown away once lunch is over.
- Children can wear their own clothes, but will need to be dressed appropriately for the weather. Sun screen can be brought into school and left for the week. (Please label the bottle)
- Hand washing forms a very important part of the school day. If your child uses their own soap, the bottle will need to be labelled and left in school for the week.

Events during the Week:

The children will spend the beginning of the week recording their memories of life at St. Mary's. As well as writing and art activities, the children will also have the opportunity to help design and paint a bench that will take pride of place in the school grounds – in memory of our fabulous Y6. This bench will be shared with the Y6 children's families during the celebration at the club.

Class Photograph: Monday 13th 1.00pm

The children have missed having their traditional end of year photograph taken, so we have arranged – with a local photographer – to have a photograph taken this week. The children will not be taken in groups – all will have individual photographs taken – but they will be blended together in way that will be very different to previous years. We think that you will be thrilled by the end result. These photographs will be available for you to buy once printed. School will contact you in the new academic year.

The children's photographs will be taken with them all wearing their hoodies, whilst they will not be in uniform.

If your child is not returning to school, but you would like them to be included in the class photograph, let school know and we will arrange a time with you to pop in on the day that the photograph is taken.

Thursday – PGL Day (Socially distanced of course!)

On Thursday 16th July, the children will take part in a day of PGL type fun – with a difference – in recognition of the fact that they were sadly unable to take part in their residential trip. The day will be organised by Sports4Kids (a great company who has been working with the school since April and will continue to do so in the new academic year.) Your child will need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear to take part in the range of activities on offer. They may also possibly need a towel on this day ☺

Friday – Picnic, Shirt Signing and Hoodies ☺

- Although we are unable to invite you, the children's families into school, we would like to have a Y6 picnic with the children on their last day. The bubbles will be unable to mix at close distance, but we can all certainly fit safely onto our school playground or field (weather permitting) to have a last lunch together. Children can bring picnic blankets/covers from home and please feel free to go to town on a picnic lunch for them.
- If your child would like to have a school shirt/polo shirt signed, please send one in today – along with a marker pen. The children will be able to pass their shirts around their own bubble and then staff will take the shirts from one bubble to the next. (If you do not want your child's shirt given to the children in the other bubble to sign, please let school know.)
- School has ordered our traditional hoodies for the children as a leaving gift. (We would like to thank the PTFA for paying for these.) This year's hoodies are slightly different to previous years – see if you can see why. Hoodies will be presented to the children at the end of the school day. If your child is not returning to school, their hoodie can be collected from the school office today or in the new academic year.

We really do hope that your child has a fantastic week in school this week and that it becomes a week for them to remember. We also really do hope that we will also be able to come together in the Autumn Term to celebrate the achievements of this amazing cohort of children. We have no intention of not celebrating their leaving – it may just take a while to get there! Although your children will be gone in September, can we reassure you that they will not be forgotten.

Stay safe and take care. Thank you, once again, for your patience and support.

Mrs A Hymers