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Dear parents and carers of Year 6 pupils,

On Thursday, Year 6 leave us for their secondary schools. It has been a very tough year for them; they have been a lovely group of children and we will miss them very much.

Between September and March, all of our pupils worked tirelessly to make progress in their core subjects of English and Maths and also across the wider curriculum. With only four school weeks until the Year 6 SATs, schools were forced to close due to Coronavirus. We all felt for Year 6 as they did not get the chance to show formally what they are capable of and although no one likes doing tests, the children were disappointed not to bring Key Stage Two to a close in the normal way.

Since 8th June, the children have adapted to a new way of life in school admirably. We are indebted to Sprowston Community Academy for allowing us to use the AB Block, without this, we would not have had the capacity to welcome the children back to school. Being in a new building with new routines and procedures has not thrown the pupils and we have thoroughly enjoyed seeing them all again.

I'd like to thank the Year 6 staff who have also worked extremely hard to make our new surroundings work. It has been very difficult but I'm very proud of our team who have all pulled together to make everything run smoothly. Mrs Harrod has also done a fantastic job continuing to run the home learning for those Year 6 pupils not in school.

Unfortunately, NCC Health and Safety regulations have made an end of year event for Year 6 impossible. For example, an ice cream van is deemed a non-essential visitor, an assembly or large picnic event is a gathering. Staff are working hard in the constraints we are under to make the end of term as special as possible for the children.

The end of year awards for Year 6 have been decided but we feel that these should be presented formally. Therefore, award winners will be invited back when it is safe to do so to receive their trophies in a special assembly. The award winners will be recorded in our end of year newsletter. Where possible, certificates for Falcon Stars will be distributed before the end of term. Any outstanding stars, certificates and prizes will follow in September as well.

Pupils will bring home a bag of their belongings tomorrow at the end of the day. If you are collecting your child, please observe social distancing at dismissal time. We must stick to our staggered dismissal time to avoid large groups of people as we say goodbye to the children in stages.

Thank you for your support over what has been the most challenging of years. We wish you all good luck to the future and hope to see you soon.

Yours faithfully

E J Savage