



Monday 22nd June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to have welcomed back many of our Year 6 children and have been hugely impressed by how quickly they have settled and adapted. For those children who are continuing to work at home, well done for all of your efforts and dedication towards your home learning. Keep up the great work!

With the end of term rapidly approaching, we would like to outline some of the plans for the end of term for year 6, providing Government guidance allows. Year 6's final day at Ocean Academy will be **Tuesday 14th July 2020**. This will enable us to ensure that our Year 6 pupils have a memorable final few weeks and plan for end of term events as much as we can under COVID restrictions.

On **Monday 13th July** we plan to have a socially distanced leavers' assembly on the school field (with Tuesday 14th as a wet weather alternative). The children will remain in their groups and enjoy a shared experience to mark the end of their time at Ocean Academy. As an alternative to shirt signing, pupils will be given their Ocean Academy notebook containing pre written short messages from hopefully, all Year 6 pupils. If your child is at home, they will be asked on Google Classroom to complete a short message for the notebook - please ensure they send this message in and add their name. It will need to fit into a rectangle measuring no more than 6.5cm by 9cm. Each child will then be given a copy of these messages and they can cut out and stick them onto the pages as they want to.

For the assembly, **one** adult from each pupil's household is invited to attend. If you would like to attend, please make your way to the designated area at the back of the field after you drop your child off in the morning. Please drop your child off at the same time as you have normally been doing. We will be very strict with only allowing one family member in to watch the assembly. There will be staff around to direct you.

The children will arrive on the field at 09:15 and sit in their groups, socially distanced. The assembly will last for approximately 45-60 minutes at which point, the children will continue their day's activities inside school allowing adults the space to vacate the field. School will end at 1:15pm on the day. If your child is currently working from home but would like to attend, please inform the school so we can make arrangements for them.

It could be a hot day so please provide your child with a hat, water bottle and sun cream. If you have ordered a Year 6 Hoodie, your child can wear them to school as soon as they arrive if they wish to. Please name these as they all look very similar!

We recognise that it has been a challenging few months for our pupils. Staff have been really impressed with this cohort's resilience and spirit when adapting to a vastly different school experience. They have engaged rigorously with their online learning, adhered carefully to the new rules upon returning to school and remained stoic when faced with the disappointment of having their activities week and SATs exams cancelled. We are incredibly proud of our current Year 6 pupils and our hope is to be able to provide them with a memorable experience to mark the end of their time at Ocean Academy. They will be sorely missed by staff.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Lee

Year 6 Leader