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Dear Parents,

I must congratulate all the pupils who have been visiting Hawse End over the last 3 days. Not only has everyone been punctual every morning, they have been well equipped, and the centre staff have been so complimentary about their attitudes and behaviour. Although I would expect nothing less, it is always lovely to hear from outside agencies that our pupils are polite, kind, enthusiastic and brave enough to try something new. So well done to all concerned. A special mention should also be made to the staff who have planned this visit and accompanied the children each day. I am sure everyone will sleep well tonight!

As we approach the end of term, I would like to share with you our final arrangements for the forthcoming events.

It will be no surprise that due to the rapidly increasing rate of infection of the Delta strain of Covid, that schools have been told that there should be no parent visits to school. This has had a significant impact on the usual end of year activities.

Arrangements for the end of Year activities.

- Cyclewise will go ahead next week. All pupils in Year 5 and 6 to have a bike and helmet in school each day (they can be left at school for the duration).
- New to Reception Induction has been cancelled, instead we will hold a 'Welcome to Reception' in September.
- Sports day will go ahead on Thursday 1st July (weather permitting) but without parents on site.
- Parents' Evening will not take place, instead we will hold this event in September or early October.

When you receive your child's end of year report you will see that you will have the opportunity to arrange a telephone call back if you have any concerns, or if you are the parents of Year 6 who will not be able to attend in the new academic year.

- The Year 6 'end of year/post SATs treat' has been planned and will go ahead – details to follow!
- Rotakids water fight will take place on Monday 12th July – details to follow!
- Leavers' Lunch will take place on Wednesday 14th July. This year's Year 6 pupils have chosen buffet/party food, followed by chocolate brownie and ice cream! Lunch Shop has been amended so this will be the only option!

- The Celebration and Leavers assembly will take place on Thursday 15th July at 2.45pm. Only parents of Year 6 pupils will be allowed to attend this event, this keeps the number of adults on site to less than 30.

Two parents per Year 6 pupil will be permitted, families will be socially distanced, and all track and trace procedures will be followed. Unfortunately, this is subject to guidelines changing nearer to the time and approval of the risk assessment by the Local Authority Health & Safety Team. We shall keep you posted.

- School closes at 2pm on Friday 16th July. We shall inform the relevant bus companies.

I know how disappointing some of these arrangements are, but the rates of infection especially amongst children and young people are increasing at an alarming rate and we must follow the advice given to us by the Local Authority to keep everyone safe.

Finally, if you have a child who is starting their pre-school year in our nursery this coming September and wish to claim the 30 free hours for the Autumn Term, please note that the deadline for applications in this respect is Tuesday 31st August 2021.

I hope that everyone stays well and safe.

Yours sincerely,

Lynn Harrison