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Year 6 End of Year Arrangements

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw closer to the final half term of the year and your children's final half term at Benhurst, I wanted to write to you and share the plans we have made for our Year 6 children in order to make their final half - term a memorable one. We are very aware that all children have missed so many opportunities as a result of the pandemic and this particularly affects the Year 6 cohort being their final year at Primary School.

We are mindful that restrictions remain in place and must ensure we adhere to these however, we have put together an exciting programme of events for your children to enjoy in addition to events such as sports day (more information to follow) and their residential to Danbury (See separate letter).

End of Key Stage Two Assessments

As you will be aware, the Government have cancelled the end of Key Stage 2 SATs for this academic year and no national data will be reported. However, the children have worked so hard throughout their primary education and we will still complete a set of End of Key Stage Assessments (Past papers will be used). The data will be reported to you in their end of year reports.

These assessments will take place between Monday 14th June and Thursday 17th June. On the afternoon of the 17th June, we would like to take the children in Year 6 to Harrow Lodge Park for a 'Party in the Park'. The children will be provided with juice and cakes and they will play a range of games. Dietary requirements will be catered for and the children will return to school in time for the end of the school day. If you do not wish for your child to attend, please let their class teacher know in writing.

University of Benhurst

After half - term, we will be launching the University of Benhurst which all Year 6 pupils will be able to attend. The Year 6 staff along with myself and Mrs McCarthy will be offering a range of workshops which will take place one afternoon per week for a period of 5 weeks. The workshops are: Science Investigations, Cookery, Sewing, Tri - Golf, Crafts and Street Dance.

The children will be given the opportunity to sign up to a workshop of their choice and will complete a 5-week course in that area. All resources will be provided by the school and we hope the children enjoy a wider curriculum opportunity in their final term at Benhurst. Look out on Twitter for photographs of their achievements!



Final Week of Term

As some of you may be aware, we usually hold a Gala Dinner evening where parents are invited into to enjoy a meal served by their children however, this will not be possible this year with the guidance currently in place and uncertainty over when restrictions will lift fully.

On Thursday 22nd July, we will provide Year 6 pupils with a pizza party afternoon on the field. The children will be provided with a takeaway pizza lunch and drinks followed by an afternoon of games with the year 6 team and other staff members. The children will not require their usual school dinner or packed lunch on this day but may still have their usual lunch if they prefer this to pizza.



During the afternoon, the children will be presented with their hoodies (kindly provided by Friends of Benhurst) and an autograph book.

On Friday 23rd July at 10am, the children will present their Leaver's Assembly. We would love to be able to invite all parents into school to watch this in the normal way however, currently this will not be possible. The assembly will be shared with you via a virtual platform for parents and carers to watch from home. The assembly will also be recorded and the link shared to enable you to watch it at a later time with your children. Further details of this will follow and we will also obtain consent for your child to be in the assembly via a virtual platform and included in the recording.



If restrictions change nearer the time which allow us to safely invite parents into school for the assembly, I will write again to update you.



As in previous years, we do not permit the children to have their shirts signed on school site which is the reason for us providing each child with an autograph book to gather the messages of their friends and staff members. I am aware of printed leavers shirts or transfers which can be applied to polo shirts and these are also not permitted in school as part of our leaver's celebrations. Many thanks for your understanding with this matter.

We hope that the children will enjoy the events we have planned for them over the coming weeks and will have a memorable end to their time at Benhurst despite the challenges the pandemic has presented. We continue to be extremely proud of how they have shown resilience throughout.

Please do let me know if you have any further questions.

Yours Sincerely,



Katherine Hart
Head teacher

