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Dear parents

The end of term is fast approaching and we are all very aware that our amazing Year 6 class will be leaving us very soon. We want to find a way to say goodbye to all our children in a safe way and to let them know how much we have valued having them at Springfield. We are very aware that normal Year 6 events, like Leavers Service, cannot happen this year. However, we do want to see as many of our Year 6 children as we can and have a small celebration to recognise how amazing they all are.

We can only have up to 15 children in a class at one time. To ensure that all our children have an opportunity to come back to school to say goodbye, we will be formally finishing school for our current Y6 children (those who have been back in school since the start of June) on **Thursday 16th July at 12.00 pm**. We will use the morning of Thursday 16th to do a mini 'Leavers Service' with this group, play some games and have a picnic lunch outside. School will finish at 12pm for this group of children.

We would then like to invite in any of the Year 6 children who have not yet been back to school for the **afternoon of Thursday 16th July**. They should arrive at 1.00pm. We will provide lunch for the children and they will be able to spend time with their teachers, have their own mini 'Leavers Service' and say goodbye to each other. They will finish school at 3.30pm.

The last day of term for Year 6 will no doubt be emotional. Where possible, I would advise you to collect your child from school that day. Children can become quite upset and often need adult support on the last school year – this year, children more than ever may find it hard to say goodbye. Also, some of the children may want to go to the park together afterwards with their friends. They may find it difficult to maintain social distancing without adults being present!

To help us to make this happen, children who are in school on the morning of Thursday 16th July will need to be **collected promptly at 12 am**. If they are not collected on time, this will impact on the group of children arriving for the afternoon. We are not allowed to have mixing of both groups of children in school.

Please send your child to school with a tee-shirt for signing – most children bring in an old Springfield polo shirt. Children do not need to wear school uniform on that day.

We hope that you will consider sending your child back to school, if you haven't already done so, to say goodbye. We really want to see them all before their new adventure starts in September and the children really want to see each other.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Kind regards

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