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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6

As the end of the year is approaching and we are still unsure of how things will develop, we wanted, as a team, to put some plans in place to ensure that our Year 6 Leavers are given the send-off they deserve.

There are lots of things we traditionally do at Rackham to mark the end of the children's primary school experience and whilst, at this time, we are not able to do them all in the way they have been previously done we are still very clear that their time at Rackham will be celebrated. At the moment we intend to do 'some kind of celebration' together once it is safe to do so; this may be a BBQ on the field in the Summer or even on a Saturday in September. We will send out further details of this in due course. For now though, we are planning to create a different kind of leavers celebration, but still with the key elements. Therefore, we would like to start the plan now.

First off, we are creating a Year 6 Leavers Seesaw page; this will enable us to communicate directly with the children and them with us and each other about all leavers tasks without this getting lost amongst their daily work. They will be sent their new login via their current Seesaw page (this does not replace their current Seesaw login: they will still need to be accessing their class Seesaw account daily). Unfortunately, they will need to log-out and then in again between their Class page and the Leavers group but we will notify them on their class page when we post something in the Leavers group so that nothing is missed. This group will be used by the children to post their memories and thank-you clips to put together.

The next tradition we intend to uphold is the collection of baby/toddler photos. Please can these be sent electronically, via email to cedarclass@rackham.cambs.sch.uk (please put your child's name in the subject box to make them easily identifiable). Please send these by **Friday 19th June**.

We are also busy planning the Year 6 Leavers photograph. Obviously the children cannot be together to have this taken but we are hoping to use their Autumn term individual photos to create something. However, there was a small number of children missing on the day so we will be contacting you directly and asking you to take a photograph of your child in school uniform. More details will follow regarding this.

After long consideration we have come to the decision not to do a Yearbook this year. This is hugely disappointing for us as last year was such a lovely memento for Year 6, however we are hoping to create a digital montage of photos from the year. More details will follow.

The biggest part of the Year 6 Leavers events is the assembly to parents. July still seems a long way off and we are unsure what the situation will be then. We are considering all possibilities such as doing the assembly remotely via Zoom, but do not feel we can make a decision about this at this time. Once again, we will be in touch later in the term with more details.

We hope this letter reassures both you and your child that we are busy planning and we will give them the leaving experience they deserve albeit in a very different way than ever before.

Best wishes,
Miss Wakefield, Mrs Pederson and Mrs Ward