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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 6 Leaver's Party**

As the end of year draws near, we are aware that it is important that Year 6 celebrate the end of their time at Court Lane. Due to COVID restrictions over the last year, we have been hesitant to make arrangements that may have been cancelled due to changing rules and regulations. As noted in Sue Samson's letter to parents last week, we are continuing to follow our stringent COVID-19 restrictions until the end of term in hope that this will mean children and staff are not forced to isolate in to their summer holiday. Even though restrictions are being lifted in wider society on Monday, isolation rules for close contacts will be staying in place until August. This has meant that we have had to think carefully about the celebrations that can take place to ensure that all children, staff and families are best protected. We've been able to prioritise the ones the children want the most, reducing the risk of needing to isolate should anyone test positive.

With this in mind, we will be hosting a 'Leaver's Party' for all Year 6 children on the afternoon of **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** in which they will go outside on to the playground as a year group (keeping in bubbles) and enjoy some music, party food and games. Children may wear their party clothes in to school on this day ready for the afternoon and they will leave at their current end of day time as usual. They will have an opportunity to take photographs together and these will be available for parents and children to look at after the event via an online, password only platform. We will use school photography equipment for this so children do not need to bring in their own devices.

We are also aware that it is very much a Court Lane tradition for children to leave with a signed shirt at the end of Year 6 and would like all children bring to school an old shirt in a clear bag that is clearly labelled with their name on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**. Shirts will then be signed by all classes and taken home on Friday.

Year 6 had a fantastic activities week last week and we hope that children will be able to have a memorable and enjoyable last week at Court Lane and have the opportunity to take away some keepsakes to remember their time here including their leaver's books which have kindly been paid for by the PTA.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Team