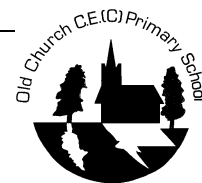

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Dear Y6 pupils,

This would have been your final week as a pupil at Old Church C of E (C) Primary School. We would actually be holding your leaving assembly today. Normally, you would have been preparing for your end of term service, parties and Leaver's Breakfast but unfortunately this is not possible this year. Prime Minister Boris has written to all school leavers and I was not having him out do me. We may have the same messy hair at the moment but my words are just for you. You are all special to me!

I wanted to write to you to wish you all a very happy and successful future. These are strange times, I'm proud of you all for showing resilience, perseverance and togetherness. I know your final months as Old Church pupils have been very different, but I'm confident that you'll all have responded fantastically well.

Whilst I know you won't be receiving SATs results in an envelope like previous children, I think you should be incredibly proud of your successes. You are the class of 2020 - a year which will always be remembered. Just like people look back at key events in history, of something that was world changing. You'll be able to tell people how you showed your spirit and character to rise above the sadness and strangeness of the situation. That's your achievement, and in so many ways, that's even better than SATs results. It's an achievement unique to you. You are part of history.

I normally stand up in front of the Y6 children after their end of year assembly and talk about the future. I'm not able to do this in person this year, but I thought I could write about it instead.

Learning is an amazing thing. It allows you to challenge yourself, understand the world around you, exercise your imagination and problem-solving skills, and empower you to make a difference to the future. Having a thirst for knowledge or a passion to develop a skill are both wonderful things. In life though, there are equally important ways to measure success. Being kind is a success, so is being able to share a smile. Being thoughtful and considerate is a success -

having willingness and heart to show understanding for others is the biggest strength I can think of. Not being judgemental is a success and so is working together with all people to achieve a greater good.

You have been a super year group and we have had fun together. I am very proud of each and every one of you. I have loved seeing the photos of you enjoying Plas and other trips. The Art work you have done is amazing, and although you can't see it, is on the walls of my new corridors. Who can forget some of you representing School at Walsall FC and the trophies you have won. Thank you to all my Zoo Keepers who have kept those naughty bunnies clean and fed. Thank you to the Librarians who have run the Library really well this year. Thank you to all the Playground helpers and Play leaders- what a great job you have done. Thank you for all of the lovely things you have produced on a Wednesday afternoon and the beautiful work in your topic books. You are a very lovely and talented bunch of children. (However, I am not going to miss your dreadful jokes!)

Life is a different journey for each of us. There are happy times and there are times that are sad, difficult or scary. It's important to always appreciate happy times and also make the time for things that make you happy. In harder times, it's important that we show strength and talk about ways of making things better. Never battle the world alone. There are always people that will help you in your cause. Sometimes, you just have to look for them. We are always there for you at Old Church if you need us!

And finally, always be true to who you are. Differences make life special. Celebrate who you are. So please have open minds and warm hearts.

I wish each of you the happiest of futures. Go out into the world and be whatever you want to be. Aim high and you will achieve whatever you want.

Take care Year 6 and thank you for making me proud. If you ever need anything, just because you have left our school, we'll always look out for you; please contact us if you ever need us.

Very best wishes

Ms Clacy

Headteacher

PS And please do not forget to support Bournemouth!