

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

What a year! I still cannot believe what has happened over the last few months. I remember telling a child in Year 6 at the end of our last assembly together on Thursday 19th March not to worry about school closing, that we would be back together again before the end of the year – I got that wrong! It still breaks my heart to think that we could not accommodate all of our children at some point this term. However, we must look ahead and we look forward to seeing all of the children in September and finding out about their lockdown memories.

Thank you to the children that have continued to work at home during some really challenging and unsettling times. We are so incredibly proud of you! Thank you to the children that have returned to school, for their happy faces, resilience and ability to adapt to new school routines.

Thank you to our wonderful families; to the parents who have worked hard at home to deliver home learning to their children whilst juggling working from home and to those who have followed school procedures when bringing their children into school during our wider reopening.

Thank you also to the dedicated team here at St. Margaret Clitherow School. Childcare provision for key worker children in March, wider reopening in June and preparing for our return to school in September would not have happened without all of you! Thank you!

Please visit the twitter feed on our school website or click here <https://vimeo.com/438806778> to view a video teachers have prepared for their current and new classes.

Today is the last day of school for our Year 6 Lockdown Class of 2020. We are preparing to say farewell and good luck to the 28 Year 6 children who will be moving on to secondary schools in September. I do not think they will forget this year in a hurry! We hope they enjoy their last day together today as we try our best with the restrictions in place to mark their final year at Primary School. Our Year 6 children are a real credit to their families. Please visit our twitter feed or click on this link <https://vimeo.com/438821678> to view a video that showcases their time at St. Margaret Clitherow School. We will miss them all but know that they are ready for the exciting paths that they will now take. Please don't forget us Year 6 – we're always keen to know what you are up to – please do come and see us all again soon! Good luck and God bless you all!

A blessing for our Year 6 Leavers

May the Lord of the future go before you, bless you and keep you in a world that needs your generous hearts more than ever. May you be agents of change, ambassadors of a kingdom of tenderness and reconciliation in which your light, your skills, your imagination will bring healing to broken hearts, bring justice, peace and hope.

Raymond Friel



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This is not Goodbye! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igaXXp2GgE>

A message from the Governing Body –

Although our role over the summer term focused on supporting Miss Puccio during this period of uncertainty, we have continued to fulfil our statutory duty, with our meetings taking place via Zoom – a new experience for us all!

We wish our Year 6 children the very best of luck as they move on to secondary school, we look forward to hearing of their continued successes. We also wish Miss Holloway luck as she starts her teacher training.

Words do not seem enough at this time but we know you will all join me in thanking Miss Puccio and all the staff at school for everything they have done for our children over the last year and especially over the last few months. You are all incredible and we thank you!

We look forward to school reopening in September and at some point being able to meet as a whole school community. Until that time, we would like to wish you and your families a fantastic summer break, we look forward to working with you again in September.

*With very best wishes
SMC Governing Body*

Each summer we encourage our children to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge at Stevenage Library. Due to the pandemic, the children are able to complete the challenge virtually. Please visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for further details.

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful family break; a chance to recharge and a chance to enjoy family time together. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 3rd September 2020 (Nursery families, please check separate parentmail for your start date).

God bless you and those most dear to you.

Stay safe

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Miss Puccio
Headteacher



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