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Thank You for Your Continued Support

Today is our last day before the summer holidays begin and I wanted to take a moment to thank our parents, carers and families for the wonderful support we have received from you all this year.

COVID has still presented us with some challenges along the way but it has been an absolute joy to welcome you all back into school for assemblies, consultations, transition days and of course, sports day. We are already looking forward to sharing a **full calendar of events** across the coming year including the return of our grandparents / female carer / male carer days, some festive celebrations to enjoy and our Summer Fayre - which will now be an Autumn one!

In other news, we expect our **Ofsted** report to be online by the middle of August so please do look out for it.

Today, we bid **goodbye to both Mrs Wailes and Miss Elvin**, our Y3 teaching assistant and teacher. Both of them have worked here for 10 years and will be a huge miss but we wish them well in their exciting new roles.

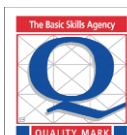
Don't forget we have a new communication system using the **SIMS Parent app**. This will be our main way of sharing information from September. The original letter is on our website should you need it – just follow this link: [Welcome to Richardson Dees Primary School \(eschools.co.uk\)](http://Welcome to Richardson Dees Primary School (eschools.co.uk))

I would like to take this opportunity to wish **all those children and families who are leaving us**, the very best for the future. A special mention is needed for our Year 6 children who have had a wonderful year. The SATs results are not being reported this year but we can tell you that our results are broadly in line with the national picture which is a huge achievement considering all the interrupted learning and long term challenges caused by the pandemic. Our Year 6's have been superb role models for the whole school and we are so incredibly proud of each and every one of them. We wish them nothing but good luck and happiness moving forward.

Finally, a reminder of our **return dates**. Year 1 to Year 6 will return on Tuesday 6th September. We have some *Stay and Plays* for our Nursery and Reception children in the first week which have already been communicated to parents and carers. Then Reception start with a half day on Thursday 8th September whilst Nursery start full time on Monday 12th September.

I hope you all have a very restful summer and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

Mr W Myers
Headteacher



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