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Dear Families,

As we draw to the close of another academic year, I would like to say a huge thank you for all your support as the acting head teacher this year. It would be easy to just think of this academic year in terms of the national coronavirus crisis. However, we must also remember the hard work and the amazing learning that went on prior to school lock down which resulted in the school being judged as 'Good' by OFSTED in December 2019. It has certainly been a year that I do not think any of us will ever forget!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank so many of you once again for the generosity you showed by bringing in gifts for us during the lockdown period - it was very thoughtful of you and was greatly appreciated by our staff.

Although we have not been able to do our usual goodbyes to our Year 2 children, it has been wonderful to see their happy faces at our zoom graduations where we were able to share happy memories and a film of photographs of the time they all had together in their Year 2 classes. All the staff wish our Year 2 children every happiness and success in their new schools.

We have some staff 'goodbyes' to say as well today, to Jo Zacharia, Jenna Ryan, Jess Young, Elaine Price and Chris Kelly. I am sure you will join in thanking them for all their hard work and dedication to the Herne Bay Infant School community during the time they have been with us and we wish them all the very best for the future.

We are also celebrating with Lyn Neighbour, who has been working at Herne Bay Infant School for **25 years**. Her loyalty and dedication to the school has been outstanding and many within the Herne Bay wider community have benefitted from Lyn's support in school.

For families with children who will be returning, you will find attached some ideas for preparing your child for coming back into school in September. There is also a summer activity idea – making a happiness box – it would be fantastic for as many children as possible to bring these into school in September.

I would like to remind you that school begins Wednesday 2nd September 2020, when we look forward to seeing all our children for their transition back into school. Please continue to check the website, your emails and our twitter account regularly, as there may be updates over the summer.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for all the support we have received this year and wish you a peaceful and enjoyable summer.

Kind regards

Mrs Helen Day
Acting Headteacher

