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Dear Parents,

I can hardly believe it is time for me to be writing to you about this, but I am aware that your children will be leaving us for their secondary schools in just six months' time! Therefore, I am writing to you concerning the arrangements for the end of year activities your children will be involved in at school.

I obviously appreciate that the end of a child's primary school career is a significant milestone, both for the children themselves, and also for you as parents, particularly if it is your youngest child moving on to secondary school. However, I am keen to ensure that the children enjoy their final few weeks and days with us and their friends, and focus on celebrating their time with us, rather than becoming overly focused on the "leaving" aspect. To this end, there will be some changes to the traditional end of year fun day this year.

The Year 6 Fun Day will take place on Friday July 14th. As this is obviously a school day, we will be running the event as a school. Therefore, school staff will run the events, likely to include inflatable obstacles and other activities, as in previous years. Parents will be invited to join the children for a "bring and share" lunch, before leaving the staff to enjoy a water fight with the children in the afternoon. Unfortunately, we are unable to extend the invitation to join the class for lunch to siblings and other family members.

Parents are obviously welcome to arrange the traditional Leavers' Disco, and any other out of school activities or mementoes. However, I would hope that these activities do not incur a cost to parents of more than £15, as I am aware that parents often have large sums of money to spend in preparation for secondary school and the summer holidays! In previous years, some parents have felt pressurised to contribute considerable sums of money for leavers' events as they do not wish their children to miss out in any way. As a school we are mindful of the cost to parents of our activities and have long had a limit of £15 for our one day educational visits.

I do hope you understand the reason behind these changes. We are grateful to the PTFA for their generous donation which will allow us as a school to cover the costs of the Fun Day. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards

Tina Holditch

We promote the learning and development of all children to achieve their full potential in a caring, happy, Christian environment.