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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the last two weeks of the term, there are a couple more information items to bring to your attention. Somehow, I doubt this will be the last communication with you before we break up given the fact we are due an announcement from the government today, although it relates to events after 19th July. We shall see.

Sports Day

You will know that throughout the last 16 months I have been determined to look for ways to make things work. It has been very easy to say 'no' and that has not been our way. We have always put the pupils at the heart of the decisions we make so that their experience remains as good as possible.

This will continue to be the case until the end of the year and the pupils will have a full sports day, competing for their Houses in a full day of events. That being said, and as hinted at last week, we are not going to be able to have any parents watch during the day. Despite being close to the easing of restrictions, the cases in Hitchin have continued to rise and I would hate to spoil the first two weeks of a family's holiday because they have been identified as a 'close contact' and must isolate.

Should the guidance change in any significant way between now and next Tuesday, I will obviously reconsider but whilst bubbles and isolation remain 'a thing', it is imperative we continue to be sensible. I know you will be disappointed but hope that you realise I will have done everything possible before coming to this decision. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Final Assembly

The end of year final assembly is usually held 'behind closed doors'. As this year's will be slightly different, I thought you might like to join us. We will, as with all our school assemblies, stream it to the classrooms. For this final assembly, we are going to stream it (we hope) to any parents who also wants to join.

We will be saying goodbye to our Year 6s as well as some staff. We will be presenting some special awards as well as our Core Purpose trophy.

The assembly is due to start at 10.30am on Friday 16th July and will be finished by lunchtime. We will not be able to provide any technical support with connections once we have started as all staff will be busy but we are hopeful the technology will work.

If you would like to join, please use the following Teams link, remembering to keep cameras and mics off.



Microsoft Teams meeting – Final Assembly Friday 16th July

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End of Term

Please note that all pupils will finish at 1.30pm on Friday 16th July.

Thank you for all your support across the whole year. It has been challenging but the end is in sight. It is worth noting that I am yet to receive any guidance as to how schools will be running from September and as soon as I have any guidance, I will let you know.

Kind regards,



Steve Mills
Headteacher

