

19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to again thank you for the amazing work you have done at home with your children. Being part of history isn't easy! The juggling of home-schooling, working, staying at home, grocery shopping etc. etc. has been extremely hard work for everyone and you have done such a wonderful job in very difficult circumstances.

I would like to also take this opportunity to celebrate our staff. As always, the DPS staff have gone over and above the call of duty. They have very quickly grasped remote learning and videoing, they have been emailing and texting children regularly and have done everything they can to support our pupils under very difficult circumstances, whilst juggling their own families too. I am very proud of them all S

It is now time for us to end this extraordinary academic year without our usual celebrations. We don't want the children to miss out on more than they have to so I have a video prize giving assembly for our children to watch. It will be uploaded to the 'Home learning' area of the school website and can be viewed from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June parents are invited to call to school to collect the prizes for their children from this assembly as well as Annual School Reports and the children's exercise books, art work etc. (please bring bags or boxes to carry all of this). In order to keep the numbers in the school building to a minimum, parents are asked to come on their own (as far as possible). There will be markers at 2m intervals in the playground to wait at before entering school. One parent at a time will be given access to school, asked to wash their hands on arrival, collect all the things for their child/children from the assembly hall and then asked to leave via the door from the assembly hall where hand sanitizer will be available to use before leaving. The carpark gates will be closed to ensure safety of parents leaving via the assembly hall door.

I know you are all eager for more information about how school will operate in September, as am I. You may have seen on the news last night, all schools received a little information yesterday from the Minister and we expect further details today. We are working very hard to finalise plans for September in terms of how many children our classrooms can safely accommodate, what adults will be supporting each class, how children will be dropped off at school and collected, plus many many other details. There is a huge amount of planning to be done and a large number of details to be worked through. The safety of our children and staff will be our paramount consideration and as soon as arrangements are finalised I will be in touch with you all via letter to give you the details. Please continue to watch our App, Website and Facebook Page for updates.

Kind regards, G Hay (Principal)