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Monday 21st June 2021

Year 6 Leavers' Celebrations 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As our Y6 children shall be leaving St Benet's in a few weeks and due to the unsettling year that they've had, we want to give them the send off that they really do deserve! They have already had a fantastic day at Wharton Park last Thursday, followed by a pizza party and party games back at school. It was a brilliant day and lots of happy Year 6 children left school that night!

The Tempest Performance

With the government pro-longing the current restrictions until 19th July, unfortunately we are going to have to make some changes to the Y6 Performance of The Tempest. As the play involves a lot of singing, the children can continue to do this in their bubble, however it does mean that in line with the current restrictions, parents will no longer be able to come and watch this live in school. We have however, been in touch with **a media production company, who are going to come to school on 29th June and record the play.** Before the end of term, the children will then receive a copy of The Tempest on DVD as well as an online link to watch the performance. The performance has been brought forward to ensure that the film can be recorded and the DVDs produced in line with the end of term.

I know this news might be disappointing to parents, but we still want the children to go ahead with the performance and the singing arrangements as they have worked so hard and it sounds fantastic! The DVDs will be lovely to watch at home together as a family, as well as a keepsake for our Y6 children. As Covid numbers are rising across the region, if children do have to self-isolate and will miss their part, the play will still go on with understudies stepping in.

There shall also be an afterschool practice for The Tempest where we are asking all children to stay behind after school this Wednesday 23rd June until 4:30pm.

Leaver's Mass – Wednesday 14th July

The Leaver's Mass shall still go ahead on 14th July, starting at 9.15am in the school hall. One parent is still able to attend and sit in the designated seat following the social distancing guidelines. A face mask must be worn at all times and parents shall enter/exit via the school hall. Due to the current restrictions around performances, singing will be limited to the Y6 song that the children have written. A liturgical dance shall be performed and all other singing in the Mass shall be recordings that the children have sung in preparation for the Mass. We shall also live stream the Mass.





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Guard of Honour (Last day of Term)

At the end of term on the last day, it is tradition for our community to gather together for a Guard of Honour for our Y6 children where they run around the school three times and parents and children wave them off. The Y6 children shall still partake in this event and other classes will stand in their classrooms or outside to wave and clap. Y6 parents are very welcome to come onto the school yard from 2:45pm and stand in the playground (socially distanced) to clap for the children as they pass. Our Reception children will also wave some pom poms at the Y6 children in the school yard.

We are so impressed with our Year 6 children's attitude to adapting to the changes and their positivity. I am sure that together, we will make their leaving celebrations as special as we can and they will get the send off that they truly deserve.

Kind regards,

Catherine Young
Head teacher

