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Monday 13th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust that you are all well at this difficult time. I understand that all parents are keen to mark the end of their child's final year in nursery. As you will have noted from the Federation newsletter, over recent weeks we have been making plans with Mr Harrison to mark the end of the nursery year and are now ready to share those plans.

It is extremely unfortunate that we have been unable to celebrate in our usual manner, the guidance simply does not allow for this to happen. All schools and Nurseries naturally must refer to government guidance to protect all families and children during this pandemic.

Mr Harrison has kindly offered the services of school staff and the Friends of the School have also contributed towards this celebration. We would like to thank them for their support as this would not have been possible without their help.

The plans this week are as follows:

Ice cream gift

Each child who has collected their report will find the gift of an ice cream from all staff in nursery. You can redeem your child's voucher at Miss Smith's, Sweet Rose Ice Cream Parlour, Durham Road, Spennymoor.

Thursday 16th July 2020

Takeaway Teddy Bear's Picnic

The school kitchen has kindly agreed to provide a Takeaway Teddy Bear's picnic for each Nursery graduate. This can be collected from Nursery **between 11am and 1pm on Thursday 16th July**. We would love for the children eat the picnic with their favourite Teddy Bear or toy whilst wearing their graduation hat, you could even make a little graduation hat for their toy! If you would like to, please then post photographs of your picnic on our Facebook page (there will be a specific post relating to this, but you can have your picnic at any time).

Video

We have arranged for a high-quality video to be made, which will include images of those children for whom we have consent. Details have been finalised and we are hoping that the video will be ready to post in a private link to parents by the week beginning 20th July 2020. I am sure that you will understand that this has been difficult to organise as several Nursery staff, who ordinarily lead groups and store photographs, are currently unable to attend Nursery. In addition, some parents do not wish for their children to appear on

photographs or videos, which is their right. Consequently, we have been trawling through and finding evidence of the Nursery year and we hope that we will be able to provide the videographer with everything that he needs in order to start on the video. We will keep you updated with news of this video, which will be shared via a private link when it is completed.

Nursery Goodbye Zoom Calls

Every year we are sad to say goodbye to our children. This year it is especially sad as we did not get to complete the year together and cannot be together in person. Therefore, unfortunately we must say our goodbyes over a virtual platform.

We will try to make this experience as interactive for the children as possible. We will begin the Zoom call by asking the children to show their Graduation hats to their friends. There will be a short quiz for the children and time for chats. We will end the call like we end each year, by asking the children to throw their graduation hats high into the air!

September Collection of work and photographs

During the holidays we will be gathering pictures of the children from displays and their work files. We will let all parents know when these are ready to be collected in September.

As can be seen from above, there have been many plans in the pipeline and under the circumstances it has been challenging to make everything come together. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you later in the week, albeit in a virtual manner!

Yours Sincerely,

J Taylor

Mrs Jeanne Taylor