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Dear Parents/ Carers

I don't think many of us would have thought in September 2020 that the year would have panned out quite like it has but I am hoping September 2021 will be the start of a return to 'normal' for us all.

Although we have all faced many difficulties over the last year, especially those of you who have experienced first-hand the effects of Covid, I have been amazed at some of the things we have all achieved.

Your support to school during home schooling has really helped the children maintain expected standards in many areas of their learning so a huge well done for all your efforts even though we know for many of you it was a challenging time, juggling work commitments alongside home learning.

New Road received recognition as the West Yorkshire County Active School Award Winner and we have lots of new exciting plans we will be sharing with you in September following this achievement.

Our children have all been amazing, they returned to school with smiles on their faces and they have worked tirelessly in their lessons making up for all their lost learning. I have missed seeing all the children together but hopefully we will see a return to whole school assemblies and celebrations in the new academic year.

Today we said goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 children and although their last year at New Road has been an unusual one they have managed to enjoy many aspects of life as a Year 6 pupil. They were all amazing in their production of Matilda which will be sent to their parents and they were the first year to ever have their Leavers Assembly held outdoors. They have also experienced the first 'Staycation' held at New Road so many firsts for them all.

We know they are now all ready to move on to their next adventure at Secondary School and each of them have contributed in making New Road the amazing school it is so thank you to each and every one of you - you are all stars so don't ever stop shining bright.

We are also sad to say goodbye to Miss Gilchrist who has worked at New Road for 8 years. Without doubt Miss Gilchrist is one of the most dedicated teachers I have ever worked with in my career and although a huge loss for us we know her new venture will allow her to continue

enriching the lives of children. Thank you for everything you have contributed to New Road, you have made such a positive impact on so many children and families who have walked through our school doors.

As we are still not 100% sure of the guidance for schools for September I will update you as soon as I am clear on our plans. I can be contacted via my email throughout the summer - [head@newroad.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:head@newroad.calderdale.sch.uk) if needed, rather than posts on social media which I may miss.

You will have received a letter about our new school uniform providers- Shaw Hardcastle, please be advised we are expecting children to return wearing the correct school uniform and shoes in September.

At the end of a school year like no other, let's hear it for our little pandemic heroes: our amazing New Road Children. Well done everyone.

Have a wonderful summer break.

Mrs S Harwood  
Headteacher

