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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the brink of the final week of this academic year. What a week it has been. I do hope that you are all coping ok with this Leicester lockdown and you are staying happy whilst staying safe.

As the school provision has reduced again to that of key worker and vulnerable children, many more teachers are working from home again. The teachers are desperate to see their classes and longing for an end of term connection. With this in mind, we are changing the agenda for next week. Your child will have 4 daily sessions with their class teacher based on the outline below. Session one is 9.15-10 and the second is 10.15-11. Your teacher will let you know which half of the class you will be attending with and your session time.

	Objective of session	What can parents do to help
Monday	Sharing memories of the school year – helping children feel grateful, happy and reminding them of the positives of being in school. This will help to prepare them to return in September.	Talk to them before the session about what they enjoyed learning about, trips and visits they went on and things that made them laugh.
Tuesday	Show and tell a highlight of lockdown – ensuring that children can celebrate their time in lockdown, can turn take, speak clearly and question others. Skills perhaps lacking in practice in lockdown.	Talk with your child about what they might like to share. Help them prepare for a 2 minute presentation explaining why this has been their highlight. They may bring something to show (a picture they painted) or just talk through a memory (learning to ride a bike). Throughout the session your child will have their microphone off, except when presenting or prompted to ask their friends a question.
Wednesday	Looking ahead to next year – helping reassure any worries and get the children excited for the year ahead.	Make sure you have shared their new teacher video with them and if they are new to the juniors, they should have watched Miss Bickley's junior tour on our YouTube channel.
Thursday	End of year thank you messages – ensuring that the children feel pride and happy feelings of success after completing a year like no other!	Your teacher wanted to say individual thank yous to the children in this session. Please feel free to attend this session with your child to hear these messages (with your mic off). There will be an opportunity for your child to say thank you to their teacher so you can help them to think about what they might say.... 'thank you for... I really enjoyed it when....' There is no requirement to do this, only if you feel comfortable 😊
Friday	End of year assembly on YouTube with final shout outs, a special message to the Year 6s from Mrs Simpson and some goodbyes to members of staff at Kestrel Mead.	

I hope that you can join us in this transition week. This is not your traditional learning, but is so important for the wellbeing of children.

The DFE guidance was issued today for school return in September. After I have digested it over the weekend I will write early next week to outline what the return to school will look like in the Autumn term.

Take care, stay home, speak soon.

Mrs Simpson
Principal



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