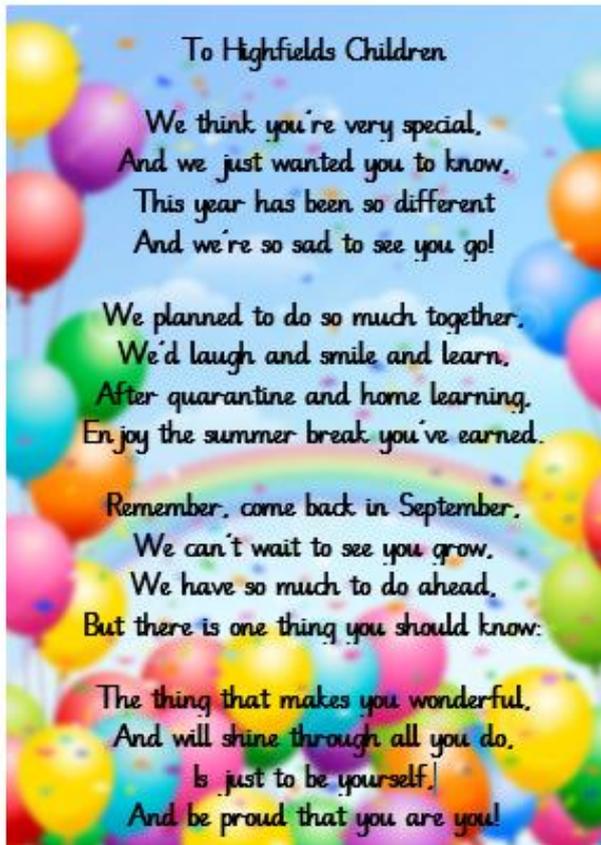


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This has been a year that none of us will ever forget or ever want to repeat. We have missed the children so much and are so excited to see them all again in September. For the children who came to the transition picnics, thank you! It was so nice to see you all again, we could not believe how much you had all grown! It was just the pick me up we all needed to get us to the end of this term so thank you!



Year 6 Children

As the poem attached says you will be the year group that go down in our history books, yes, you will be that year group without SAT's, that year group without the residential, that year group without a lot of things but I want you to know this...

For us you are that year group that have many other things too! You have left your mark here at Highfields, you may not have had the traditional end of year that most classes do but you have had something that is as unique and different as you all are. You have given the staff here memories that we will cherish forever, you have been creators, discoverers, pioneers and trendsetters and we will never forget you. Whenever your journey started here at Highfields you will always be the group that left here together, a special group that shared a journey that took us to the end of the rainbow so please don't ever forget that!

Until we're back together in September... enjoy your Summer holidays. Take care and stay safe.

Mrs Garratt

Dates for September

- 1st & 2nd September – Training days – School will be shut to all children
 - 3rd September – First day back in school for most children*
- *Nursery and Reception will be receiving a different individual start date in the post this week.

Here is a list of the information we have sent out to parents over the last few weeks in regards to restarting school in September

- Map/Plan of the site showing entry and exit points and collection and drop off times
- A whole school 15 page detailed plan
- New Nursery and Reception ONLY staggered start dates
- New year group risk assessments will be posted onto the school website in the next few days

SIPS Catering

I am pleased to confirm that our new catering provider will be SIPS Catering. Some of our existing parents will know that we used to use SIPS before we moved to Dolce. Initially SIPS will be providing packed lunches for children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 and children entitled to free school meals. All other children will need to bring a packed lunch from home, as no hot meals will be provided. We will be meeting with SIPS at the start of the new academic year to discuss when the kitchen will reopen. The new system will be very similar to Dolce and will allow parents to pre-order their meals online! More to follow in September!

Jurassic Genius!

We wanted to say a massive well done to **Megan** in Y5. Just before lockdown Megan entered her work into the 500 Word challenge. Her piece called 'The Jurassic Time Experience' was shortlisted and although she didn't win, we are all incredibly proud of her work! I know Mr. Savvides was also very impressed with your work Megan – well done!



Wonderful Writing

Congratulations to the following children who were the winners of the recent writing competition. Each child is the lucky winner of a #5 Works voucher.

- EYFS – Archie G
- Y1 – Charlie E
- Y2 – James B
- Y3 – Hasan N
- Y4 – Matilda H
- Y5 – Callum D
- Y6 – Zia W

The Class of 2020

Year 6 Leavers' Poem

What a year it's been for you,
my lovely, little crew!
We had plans and intentions
and a lot of things to do.
From learning about areas
like algebra and SPaG,
to using the subjunctive mood –
we had that in the bag!

Yet, as you'll often find in life,
we were put to the test...
but not the normal SATs-y kind –
a weird, abnormal quest.
We were sent into lockdown
and school was closed for most.
Of all of our priorities,
your safety was utmost.

Your world was twisted sideways;
your life changed overnight.
Yet, acting for the greater good,
you did what's just and right.
It's been so hard – I know that.
I'm proud of what you've shown
when facing such adversity
unlike we've ever known.

We're in a time in history
that will be on the shelves:
a tale to tell our grandchildren
that's greater than ourselves.

A spell when you were children
and you had to leave your friends
to keep all of your loved ones safe
and bring this to an end.

They'll look at you like heroes –
the sort I know you are:
you're warriors; you're brave,
young knights;
you're bright and dazzling stars.
And, though we've had to part now,
in unexpected ways,
we still have all the memories
of countless fun school days.

Remember cheers on Sports Days
and trips to near and far.
Remember class assemblies
and learning the guitar.
Remember all our playtimes
and running on the grass.
But, most of all, remember
how you're valued in this class.

As I look back in future,
I'll think of you and smile;
the kids who showed resilience
and went the extra mile.
So, though it's time to say goodbye,
just know it's not the end.
We'll live on in your memories
as special year six friends.

