

ST MARK'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We know that this year is very different for our Year 6 leavers and they will not be able to do some of the usual Leavers' activities so we wanted to let you know what we have planned to try and celebrate this important milestone for them.

As you are aware, we are still going to put the summer performance of Shakespeare Rocks, just virtually. We will be filming this and putting it up on Google Classrooms so you can watch at home. We found that this actually allowed more family and friends to watch it and the children to watch it themselves which they don't normally get to see. The Dioceses are doing a virtual leavers service which we will be able to watch together in class and also send home the link for yourselves.

On Thursday 22nd July, we will be having an afternoon of food and games on the village green instead of the usual Hollywood Bowl trip. The Victory are supplying the food and we are supplying the games - including a water fight so make sure children have a change of clothes with them that day and water pistols if you have them! We did this last year and lots of children said they preferred it to the usual bowling trip.

We are holding a Leavers' Service at St. Mark's Church on the last day of term, Friday 23rd July at 1:30pm, just for Year 6. To fit in with current Church Covid limitations on numbers, two adults per child will be able to attend this service. Adults will need to wear a mask and socially distance from other households. The children will be able to perform songs but we ask that the watching adults do not join in with the singing. Year 6 children will then be able to leave with their adults straight after the service. This service will be a combination of our traditional leavers' service and the usual celebration assembly we hold on that last week of term so will be a mixture of memories, pictures, songs as well as the usual Church elements. We had planned to move to this before Covid anyway as we thought it would make it more special.

We hope that these activities will help the Year 6 children (and parents!) to feel loved and support as they move on to their next schools.

Yours sincerely,

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