

Dear Wonderful Year 6,

Normally, this would be the week after SATs! You would have successfully met the challenge of the tests and Mr West and I, all the other teachers at Gade Valley and your parents would be extremely proud of you!

We know you would have smashed the SATs!

We would usually, at this point, be looking forward to your Year 6 production, your residential trip to Rock UK and preparing for your leavers assembly.

Unfortunately, as you know, things are far from 'normal' at this time and no one is more disappointed about this than Mr West and I. We are both extremely sad that you can't do all of these 'normal' activities and that we won't be able to celebrate your time with us at Gade Valley in the usual way!

You have been a fantastic class and as a group of pupils you have enriched and enhanced our school. In fact, if anyone can take these unfortunate circumstances in their stride, it is you! The future for you is bright and full of opportunity. Continue to work hard, stay positive and be yourselves : remembering all the time that if you continue to use your CHAMP skills, you will be able to achieve anything!

In the next few weeks or months, some of you may come back to school; most of you, sadly, are unlikely to be able to do so. School is highly unlikely to return to 'normal' and so it is with great disappointment that I need to tell you there will be no disco, no swimming and incredibly sadly, no leavers assembly. This is because the most important thing, at the moment, is for us all to stay safe. For those of you who do return to school, please understand, it is going to be very different. There are very strict limits on what we are able to do. You are likely to be in smaller groups and we can't even guarantee that you will be with your friends.

However, all is not lost! Mr West and I believe it is extremely important that you are able to have at least some of these experiences! When the time is right and it is safe (this is likely to be next academic year) we will invite all of you back to Gade Valley for a celebration! We would very much like to celebrate your time here at Gade Valley! Mr West has suggested that he cook for all of you and thought you might enjoy a barbeque - or as he likes to call it a 'braai'! We hope this will give you something to look forward to and we look forward to

being together to reminisce and enjoy thinking about the special memories you have created at Gade Valley!

For now, just know:

We'll meet again,

Don't know where,

Don't know when,

But we know we'll meet again...

Some sunny day!

Keep smiling through - as you always do!

Mr Barron

Mr van der Westhuyzen