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Dear Parents and Carers,

In less than seven days, this academic year will be drawing to a close. It has been challenging for every single individual and affected and impacted on everyone in different ways. However, we have all managed in our own way to cope with these challenges and thus we know that we can see this through.

We would firstly like to thank all staff for their selfless commitment to the pupils of Grange Primary School and the sacrifices they have made as educators whilst managing their own families and challenges at home.

We want to thank parents for working with the school throughout this period and for all the positive comments, phone calls and emails of gratitude and appreciation for what the school was able to provide during this time. I must admit the chocolates, cakes, sweets and home-cooked food also helped to keep us smiling. The staff felt appreciated and valued by your gestures. Parents and carers need a special thank you too, for adapting to all the changes, including taking on remote - learning in the way you did and ensured that our children remained safe, happy and engaged during the Lockdowns!

We have also appreciated the constructive feedback of parents that allowed the school staff to reflect and adapt throughout the ever changing ebb and flow of this global pandemic. We did not get everything right but we most certainly gave it a herculean effort.

Let us not forget the bravest of all... our children. A massive well done to all our children who remained focused on their learning (in whatever shape or form this took). Thank you for working with your parents and carers.

To our year 6 children that are about to leave us for their next phase of education; you have been super stars. This is not what we envisaged for you at the start of year 6, but you have demonstrated the values of our school throughout and we are proud of your achievements. You will not be remembered as the COVID -19 cohort because to us you will forever be the warriors of 2021. We hope you will enjoy the fitting farewell which is being planned for you.

It has indeed been interesting times but we remain steadfast in our belief that with unity and a positive community spirit we will reconnect and rebuild our GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL family to be even stronger and more resilient than ever before.

If your child is in Year 6, over the next few days, **walk** your child to school one last time. Even if they don't want you to. **Laugh** about the sticks they used to collect or the paintings they so carefully carried. **Reminisce** about their sports days and how funny they were in their school plays. **Tell them** how **proud** you are of them and how **excited** you are to see them grow. Remember how little their hand was when you held it on the first day of Reception? Hold that hand again as you walk with them one last time! **You've done a Great job!**

With warmest regards,
Lorrain Black (MCCT)
Interim Head Teacher

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