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Dear Parent /Carer

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We have finally reached the end of what has been a very unusual session and I would like to thank you for your understanding and support in what has no doubt been a challenging time for all of us.

On Wed March 18th we learned that school was closing on March 20th with no idea how long the closure would last. I must pay tribute to the teaching staff who were forced to suddenly switch to delivering online learning. They rose to this challenge magnificently and posted lessons every day during lockdown to ensure that our children's education continued. Many of our staff also have school aged children of their own to support while they worked from home. Teaching and support staff were involved in manning the OLSP hub which was open every day of lockdown, including holidays.

You, our parents and carers, also deserve great credit for ensuring that your children kept to a routine of learning and keeping in touch with their teachers. This would not have been possible without your support and encouragement. There is no doubt that this was an extremely challenging term for you and I'm sure you never want to see another Google Classroom ever again!! Thank you very much for your patience and perseverance.

We welcomed 17 new Primary 1 children for a (socially distanced) transition visit last week and we also welcomed our Primary 7 class back to say their final farewells. The children missed out on all the usual end of primary celebrations and activities. This year's leavers have been a great class and we are sad to see them leave Aitkenbar, especially under the current circumstances. We wish them the very best for their secondary education.



The P7 Community Cup has been won this year by Craig Bartlett. Lots of children in P7 were nominated and it was close but Craig nudged ahead with the most points. Craig has been a great representative of Aitkenbar throughout his seven years here - WELL DONE CRAIG!



At this point, we don't know what the situation will be in August when the children are due to return to school for the new session. We are prepared for both scenarios - full time education for all and blended learning for 50%. I will update the website nearer the start of the new term but meanwhile, everyone deserves a well-earned break.

Very best wishes to you all!

From Mrs Hutchison and all the staff at Aitkenbar