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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have reached the end of the school year and one which has seen an enormous amount of activity throughout the school.

#### Farewell.....

At the end of the school year, there are always people we are saying 'goodbye' to. Firstly, all of our Year Six pupils will be moving on to pastures new in September. I did write to them separately this week but I would like to reiterate much of what I wrote. You have been an absolute credit to yourselves throughout the time you have spent at Belmont and for forty one of you, this extends way back to when you were in our Nursery! I can honestly say that to have had the opportunity to have worked with you all has been a genuine honour and privilege. As you move into the next chapter of your lives, I feel fully assured and confident that each of you can cope with whatever challenges may come your way and that they will be faced with the usual determination, resilience and fortitude you have always shown. We also have some children leaving from other year groups to different schools for a variety of reasons. Again, I am truly proud to have had the opportunity to have worked with you and you too are more than well-equipped to absolutely 'take the world by storm' as you move on. Our best wishes go with you all.

We will also be saying a temporary goodbye to Miss Keatley who will be commencing her maternity leave. We wish her well and I am sure she will keep us updated. Of course, such updates will be passed to you all!!!

#### Friends of Belmont (FoB)

You will have received a letter from FoB sharing various pieces of information about their fundraising through the year. I would like to offer my thanks to them for their tireless work in supporting the school with the vast range of activities they organise and, subsequently, the money that they raise which has a massive impact on us as a school. Quite where they get their energy and enthusiasm from, who knows?! However, we are truly grateful for it.

#### Uniform

I have attached the Uniform Policy which has been updated for the 2023 2024 academic year. There is only really one tiny amendment which relates to PE kit. I have noticed this year that our expectation of plain white shirts and black shorts appears to have 'fallen by the wayside' somewhat and we are also seeing the wearing of replica football shirts too. I have to say that our PE 'uniform' is considerably less expensive than a football shirt and also more practical. Of course, football shirts are fine for extra curricular activities but not PE lessons.

#### Non Uniform Day

Many thanks to all who supported the non uniform day last week in support of cystic fibrosis, I am pleased to inform you that £370.05 was raised. Fantastic effort, everybody.

#### September...

Obviously not something we wish to be thinking about at this time but, nonetheless, a reminder that we will return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

And Finally....!

We would like to wish you all a pleasant and enjoyable Summer break. Thank you all for your support over the year and, on behalf of the staff also, thank you all for your kind words and gifts which mean an awful lot to us all. I would also like to thank all of the staff for their energy and hard work over the past thirty nine weeks.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Gibson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the 'i' in Gibson.

Mr C Gibson