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Dear pupils

Here we are at the end of a very unusual school year. I have been a teacher for over twenty-five years and I have never known a time when everyone was house bound and having to complete learning at home each day! You are living through an extraordinary time and you are rising to the challenges that it is bringing for us all. Your teachers, all the other staff at Branfil and I are so proud of the way you have all coped and shown many of our core values: courage, cooperation, understanding, tolerance, appreciation, to name a few. I hope you are all proud of yourselves too.

I would normally see you all in our end of year Celebration Assembly, where we would finish our year in style and say goodbye to our Year 6 children. I did not want to miss such an important event so this year I have recorded the assembly. Look for it on our website (under 'videos' on the 'School Closure Home Learning' tab) then you can watch it as a family and celebrate the past year.

I am sure you are now looking forward to a relaxing summer break. Over the holiday, remember to keep reading - I encourage you to complete our Branfil Summer Reading Bingo (details on the newsletter and the website) and sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge online, through your local library, so you can have fun keeping track of your reading. Also, aim to keep practising your multiplication tables and number facts (a few minutes every day makes a huge difference), and challenge yourself with some of the maths games and activities that Miss Bain has set (details on the newsletter and the website too). Lastly, do some writing regularly - write a letter, email or postcard to a relative or friend; write a song or poem; let your imagination run riot writing a fabulous story. Have fun whilst practising your basic skills, in readiness for being back in school.



In September, we will all be returning to school. Although some things about returning to school will have to be different for a while, the most important things remain the same: enjoying learning with your friends, supported by fantastic adults, in a safe environment. We look forward to being together again.

I will finish by wishing our Year 6 children every success as they move on to their new schools and thanking all of you, your families, our staff and governors for being an amazing team. We have shown that Team Branfil is united and strong no matter what.

Have a great holiday!

Mrs Sansom