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Dear Class 12,

Well, we have reached the end of the school year and the end of Year 5! I'm sure that all the other teachers in school would agree that this has been the strangest school year ever. I would like to say how brilliant you have been during the school closure. I have loved reading your positive comments on the Google Classroom stream and I have been so impressed with your enthusiasm and the way that you have supported each other. You have shared some amazing work and the pictures and videos you have put on to show what you have been doing have been fantastic. Thank you all so much!

As I said on my video and on our Zoom chats last Friday, I am really looking forward to moving up with our year group to Year 6. It will seem a little strange going back to school after so long, but the fact that we know each other fairly well already will make it seem less daunting, I'm sure. I'm very excited about teaching you as a Year 6 class. I have taught four Year 6 classes before at the first two schools I worked in and, from experience, I can say that Year 6 is such a rewarding year for both the pupils and the staff. It will be a year in which you will be expected to work extremely hard and as the oldest pupils in the school, you will be given lots of responsibilities. I am confident that you will be wonderful role models for all the younger pupils, from nursery to Year 5! As well as all the hard work, there will be lots of exciting opportunities for you and as a Year 6 team, we will do everything we can to make your last year at Outwoods Primary School a memorable one.

We are very lucky to have a super team of teachers and teaching assistants. The other class have Mrs Clamp and Mrs Baxter teaching them. You will soon find that Mrs Clamp's love of maths and Mrs Baxter's passion for P.E. are infectious! The two teaching assistants are Miss Payne and Mrs Hickman. I first met Miss Payne when her son, Jake, was in Year 6 himself. He is now 22! I taught Jake's class one day a week and the summer he left, I bumped into him and Miss Payne everywhere I went! We are so pleased that we are finally getting to work with each other after all this time. Both Miss Payne and Mrs Hickman have many years of experience working in Year 6. They are delighted to be in the year group again and are really looking forward to getting to know you all.

I'll finish by wishing you all a fantastic summer holiday. I hope that you are all able to make some special memories with your families and friends. I am hoping to spend a few days at the seaside with my family and our little dog, Dottie.

See you all in September as Class 13.

Bye for now, Mrs McCombe.

And now, a message from Mrs Marshall-Gee!

Hi all,

I have already had the pleasure of teaching you in year 1 and you obviously left a good impression on me because I am extremely excited to be teaching you all again! As I said in the video, I have changed my name since then, after getting married, although I imagine you- like other year groups I have taught- will drop the Gee from Marshall-Gee (which is OK). I have also had two more children since then; Charlie, who is now two and Harriet, who is not one until later this year.

I really enjoyed seeing you all at the Zoom meeting last week. It was lovely to see your faces, hear about what you have been doing and see some of your furry friends! Lots of you have been busy in the kitchen baking (chocolate cake was a favourite), some of you created masterpieces from Lego, others have painted and created music. You've been learning to ride bikes, roller-skate, play football, do origami, play guitar, golf, sing and perfect your gymnastic skills. As we have, you have also enjoyed spending this precious time with your families. For some of you, these family members were new; we heard about (and saw) guinea pigs, rabbits, turtles, cats, puppies and a tortoise!

You still have another six weeks of FUN before we see you next! Try to remember all that you get up to; we can't wait to hear all about it! I hope to find a quiet spot to read some of the books we may be looking at next year (I'm quite excited to read these with you all!) Hopefully, you will find some time to watch the video clips of us reading some extracts from some other exciting books. Mrs McCombe and I will be busy getting the classroom ready to welcome you all back. Maybe after all of that, I might find some time to bake some yummy treats as well- lemon cake is my children's favourite. If we're lucky, we might even get some sunshine and warm weather so we can all get out and about.

See you soon!

Mrs Marshall-Gee.

