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Dear parents and carers,

I can't believe we have come to the end of another year. It has been another strange and challenging year, but still full of fun and excitement and I would like to start the last newsletter of the year by saying how proud we are of all the children – with how they have coped with such a tricky year and how hard they have worked since their return from lockdown. They certainly deserve their summer break. Also to the wonderful staff of Laycock who, as always, have gone above and beyond for the children to ensure they have the best education and care possible. You are amazing and I can't thank you enough for all that you do.

Looking back over the diary for this term we have certainly packed in the events, including: National Number Day and dressing up as rockstars and robots whilst doing lots of maths-based activities and challenges; the climbing wall in the car park; OBON Day and class picnics; class sports days, and a Careers Day with a visiting fashion designer, police officer, singer, TV producer, footballer and medic all giving their time to talk to the children about potential future careers! Phew! All this in addition to running catch-up sessions and packing in the teaching to begin to address the learning gaps as a result of the pandemic.

In my last newsletter, I promised I'd tell you how much we raised from the Easter raffle. This was posted on class dojo, but for those of you who haven't seen this, we raised an incredible £218! A massive thank you to everyone who supported the raffle by contributing donations or buying tickets. All proceeds go straight back into school funds to spend on the children.

As you are probably aware, there is once again a Summer Reading Challenge this year, for children aged 4-12 years. Free to engage with, with all local libraries offering events, the 'Wild World Heroes' theme this year is sure to excite all of our little readers. Here are the links to the local Bradford Libraries site and events, and also the national Summer Reading Challenge website; I'll post this information on class dojo also, where links are easier to follow! Have fun!

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries/children-and-young-people/wild-world-heroes-summer-reading-challenge-2021/>

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/library-zone>



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To our year 6's, thank you for sharing the last years with us and keeping us entertained. You have matured into such a lovely, thoughtful and caring group of children and we really don't want to see you leave. We will miss you loads but know you will be amazing at you new settings. Please keep in touch. We will post a special farewell 'surprise' for you on class dojo ... 😊

My Ayub, thank you for your support over the last few terms. You have been amazing and we have loved having you in school. We wish you all the very best in September – you will be an amazing teacher.

To everyone else, we look forward to seeing you all on September 7th, and welcoming our new Reception families.

Now the serious and boring bit: if any child from Laycock tests positive for covid any time up until 3.10pm Sunday, would you please let me know so that I can let close contacts know. Beyond this time there is no necessity to let me know as it is beyond the 48 hr time scale within which they have been in close contact with people in school and could possibly have infected them. NHS Track and Trace will do the work from here on!

I will be in touch at the end of August with information based on the latest guidance, but fingers crossed we can return to normality and have an 8.50am start for all from the top playground!
To everyone, keep safe and have a lovely summer holiday.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juliet Nove'.

Mrs J Nove
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