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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 Pupils,

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Year 6 Patina and End of Year Celebrations

We are writing to update you with our plans for Patina and End of Year celebrations. Sadly, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year's Patina parade on the 3rd July has been cancelled. During the lockdown, the Patina team and schools worked hard to ensure that this year's Year 6 children were instead able to mark their **Moving On** through a virtual parade of avatars.

Thank you for your support with this– the videos and images of your Tudor and Stuart avatars were fantastic! The avatar video will be released on Friday 3rd July and we will watch this at school. It will also be uploaded on YouTube for viewing at home. Patina have asked that the children now keep their avatars safely at home, as these may be collected to form part of an exhibition in Lewes later in the year.

There is a very small chance a parade will take place in September, but for now, it is impossible for Patina to make any definite plans to hold a large public gathering safely. When asked, most of our Year 6 pupils said that if there was a parade in September, they would still like to take part.

At Hamsey, we know how important the **Moving On** and end of Year 6 celebrations are to children, parents, carers, and teachers alike, and we really want to ensure our Year 6 pupils have a memorable end to their Hamsey journey. Following discussions with the children, we have compiled the following plan for their final week:

During the morning of **Tuesday 30th June**, the children will take part in a sword-fighting workshop with Mark Gilbert, a nationally recognised and respected sword fighter who has been coaching since 1990. Please ensure the children are wearing comfortable clothing and suitable footwear for this (PE kit type clothing would be best).

On **Thursday 2nd July**, the children have asked if they can watch 'Ice Age: Continental Drift' together. Traditionally they have brought in blankets and pillows for this. Unfortunately, we cannot use soft furnishings at school at the current time. However, they can still share snacks during the film, if these are brought in in individual packets that can be shared out.

On **Friday 3rd of July**, we will show the avatar video to the children and share a final morning together in class. Then from **11:30am** we would like to invite Year 6 parents and carers to join in our celebrations on the school field.

The children have asked if they can do a **mini parade** on the school field with the puppets they are currently designing and making with Mrs. Griffiths. We will ask the other staff and children who are at school to come and watch this as well.

Following the parade, the children would like to have a **party-picnic-lunch** outside on the field. We



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ask that children each bring in food to share, although we must stress that it is 'shop bought' and in unbroken packaging which we can safely share out for each child. If you would prefer your child to have their own 'picnic' food, then that is fine too. Adults are welcome to bring their own food and drink to eat with us. **Please remember the school has a strict NO NUTS policy.**

At **1:15 pm**, the children are going to read their leaving speeches to parents and school staff on the school field. We will set up a microphone for this to ensure they can be heard clearly.

After this, the school grounds will remain open especially for Year 6 until 3:00 pm. In this time the children, parents and carers are welcome to stay, play, socialise and enjoy a last afternoon at Hamsey. From 1 pm, you are responsible for your children and their social distancing whilst on the school site.

Please note: To minimise contact with children and staff at school, Year 6 parents and carers may only enter the premises through the gate at the far end of the school field (via Hamsey Lane) and must remain on the school field at all times. Unfortunately, due to current government guidelines, we cannot allow parents and carers into the school building to use toilet facilities. Thank you for your understanding in these matters.

We really look forward to seeing you all on the 3rd July.
Best wishes

Mrs Robertson
Year 6 Class Teacher

Mr Newlands
Year 6 Class Teacher & Head of School