12-5-20

To Our Wonderful Year Six Children,

We hope that you and your families are safe and well. Our thoughts at this difficult time are with Gunter family members that have been affected by COVID-19.

As you know, this week you would have been taking your year Six SATS tests – a milestone in your educational journey. Although we are aware that they are not important at this time, we are sure that many of you will have mixed feelings about the current situation and the affect it has had on your education. You all worked incredibly hard in your preparation for SATS. With many of you setting yourself goals and actually exceeding them, it is of course a shame that you have not been able to demonstrate your abilities in the planned assessments.

So we wanted you to know just how extremely proud of you all we are and how much we, your teachers, are missing you. Throughout the year we hope that we told you often enough that year six is not about SATS; rather, our job was to prepare you for your onward journey and new adventures at secondary school. So remember that all your hard work is not wasted and will help you when you join your new school in September. Remember our Gunter values are the most important building blocks that will enable you to learn and succeed in your ambitions. Enjoy your time at home presently and make new memories with your families doing whatever it is you like doing. Thank your parents and carers for all the love and support that they have given you and congratulate yourself for all you have achieved.

Here is a poem that we would like to share with you...

**A Poem for Year 6 children – class of 2020**

Today is the day that SATs would have started,
The classroom set up and the tables parted,
The rules on the board, the display walls all covered,
Your workbooks away, out of sight in the cupboard.
Instead you are home, you’re doing your bit,
Protecting your families from getting sick,
It’s important right now, we’re in lockdown you see,
Being a part of world history.

You’ve all worked so hard, you should be so proud,
You’ve practised your SPAG and times tables out loud,
You’ve learnt algebra to the Nth degree,
And now the tests, they will no longer be.

Some may be sad that they can’t take the tests,
“Hip hip hooray,” I’ve no doubt said the rest,
Whilst the tests are on hold and you stay home this term,
Remember that tests can’t measure everything you learn,
And I don’t need SATs results to tell me,
How hard you have worked, it’s easy to see.

‘Lockdown’ Year 6, let me shout it out loud,
You’ve made all of your teachers so very proud,
So please continue to learn, fill that brain up full,
And remember, we think you’re all wonderful!

We wish all of you amazing children well. Stay safe and we hope that we will see you soon.
Best wishes from the Year Six Team and all at Gunter.

Mrs McConnell  Miss Jones  Mrs Amos  Miss Riley