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I hope all families are surviving and thriving during these extraordinary times. The school year is now coming to a close and I hope that all children can relax and enjoy the summer holidays. It has been a challenging few months but hopefully we are over the worst of the pandemic now. However, it is still so important to follow all the guidelines laid out for our safety. I want to say a big THANK YOU to all of our children...and especially to our parents...who have engaged so well with the schoolwork laid out during lockdown. I know that each and everyone of you has done your very best and that, at times, it wasn't easy. As I said at the outset, this lockdown won't have a detrimental effect on our children's education and they will have learned and experienced so many things at home that maybe they might have missed out on in normal times! All the same, it will be good to get back to some kind of normality...and hopefully, with everybody working together, that will soon. So again, enjoy the summer and we are looking forward to seeing you back at school, eager and refreshed, in the new school year.

RE-OPENING FOR SEPTEMBER

Our plan, in Mayo Abbey N.S., is to return to school on September 1st. HOW we will return is not yet clear. We are still awaiting proper guidelines from the Department of Education. As soon as we receive this information all parents will be informed.

GRADUATION

We would usually be holding our graduation celebration at this time of the year. We hope to mark the 6^{th} class graduation this year, when we are advised by the authorities that it is safe to do so, with the planting of the class tree. Unfortunately, this will, more than likely, have to be confined to 6^{th} class children and their immediate families only.

We wish our 6th class children Cathal, Cian, Ebony, Hailey, Maeve, Riley, Ruth and Shane all the best as they start on the next chapter of their lives. Thanks to the children and you, their parents and families, for all that you have done for the school during the past 8 years.

BOOKLISTS

Booklists for the school year 2020/2021 will be published on the school website before the end of the month. You will receive a text when they are available.

SPORTS DAY

One of the highlights of the school year is the Annual Sports Day. While we may not be able to hold one at school this year there is a document on the school website where you can create your own Sports Day at home. Feel free to send in photographs of your sports day and we will publish them on the school website.

NEW CLASSROOM

As you know The Department of Education has sanctioned the building of a new classroom. Plans have been submitted for planning permission. We had hoped to get a lot of work done during the summer break. However, because of the lockdown, plans have been delayed. Hopefully as the restrictions are easing we will be able to get moving again with the development as soon as possible.