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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is my final letter of the term to wish you a happy summer holiday and to say thank you for all the support shown to the school over the year, especially the past few months. This has certainly been a challenging year for everyone and your support in your child's home-learning has been appreciated by all the staff at school. We would like to celebrate the children's work when we return in September so please encourage your child to bring their home-learning books or examples of something they have made at home into school in the first week back.

For those children who were unable to return to school, there is an 'End of Year' review PowerPoint on the website that will remind them of all that we did manage to do before the Easter holidays:

<http://www.barham.kent.sch.uk/assets/documents/whole-school/End-of-Year-Review-2020.pdf>

Thank you for returning the forms about Friday afternoons. We recognise that circumstances change and you may need your child to stay on in the afternoon at a later point in the term. This is not a problem, just contact the office a week in advance, if possible, so that we can arrange it.

At this point I would like to thank the fantastic staff at Barham who are always so positive, caring and creative no matter how difficult the situation. Their focus throughout the last two terms has been firmly on the children and embracing what we can do, not what we can't do. The Mary Poppins film is a brilliant example of the staff coming together to do their best so that the children don't miss out. A huge thank you also to the Friends of Barham School, especially Nuala McGill who has provided tireless support during the year.

Finally, a heartfelt message to all you parents from a headteacher who feels like her staff of teachers has increased hugely, relish that end of term feeling, have a good, well-earned break from teaching and enjoy the summer holiday.

I look forward to seeing all the children back in school on September 2nd.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Al Higgins'.

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