**MINCHINHAMPTON YEAR 6 LEAVERS 2020 - Update !!**

Well – when we all met in the Pub (remember that??), back in January, I don’t think any of us could have predicted that our kids Leaver’s journey would turn out like this!

Obviously Leavers celebrations will look a bit different this year. Kathryn Danks and I met earlier this week (2m apart, and outside!), to see what we could do to still make the Leavers experience memorable.

School have some lovely plans in place to mark their departure without the usual Leaver’s evening, but here are our revised thoughts about what we as parents can do:

**Legacy Gift for School – Urgent Action Required!**

We feel this is even more important this year, and would be really appropriate for us as a Year Group to give something to school that could mark this unique year.

Laura Hodges is looking into options. We’d love to have this ready for the end of term, so time is ticking, we need to know how much money we have to spend and progress this ASAP. To this end I have set up a PayPal Money Pool for people to donate towards this gift.

So – ONLY IF YOU WANT TO – can you follow this link and give as much or as little as you like, it can be anonymous too. <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8pRMGMGn1J>

**Leavers’ Hoodies**

Nicky Braune and Victoria Stevens have set this all up, and hopefully you have all now ordered your Hoodies? If not the link is:

 [https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies-login](https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies-login%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

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The online shop will remain open until 4th July 2020 so please ensure you order by this date. For delivery, you can either opt for delivery directly to school for free or add £2 for home delivery.

**Leavers’ Books**

We feel that this year this should become something extra-special, to mark the unique year they have had. It may be there will be a slightly higher cost to these compared to what has been produced in previous years, but we felt it was justifed? Kathryn is leading on this, and has found options around £10.

To put this together Kathryn will be asking for Photos, memories etc…. so please start digging them out. She will send something separate when she knows what’s needed.

More info on this and how to pay to follow next week.

**As with the Hoodies If you are worried about costs, please let Kerrie Bennett in the office know (in complete confidence), it’s really important all our kids can join in the fun and no-one feels left out.**

**DISCO, Tea and Cake with Teachers etc.... POSTPONED**

Obviously under current restrictions neither of these events will be possible. It may be nearer the time we will be able to do something on the afternoon of their last day, but likely to be an informal goodbye!

But – Hopefully we will be able to arrange a delayed Leavers Party/Reunion for later in the year or New Year.

To that end, our ongoing **communication** as a year group will be really imporatant when they move on to pastures new. I think most people are now on The Year 6 WattsApp Group. But if you’re not, please contact me or Kathryn and we can add you. This will be a really useful way of us staying in touch next year.

**Hope you are all keeping well in these weird times!**

**Helen Jacobs and Kathryn Danks, and lots of other willing volunteers!**