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Dear Parents of Year Six,

I believe a number of you are concerned about the changes planned this year for children in Year Six.

I would like to reassure you that these decisions have been given a great deal of consideration by the school Senior Leadership Team and were made with the best interests of the children at heart. However, I do understand that many of us are creatures of habit and we don't like change!

In the lead up to any production, children miss out on a significant proportion of class teaching to spend time rehearsing for a play. The challenges of the new national Curriculum and harder SATs tests mean that as a school, we need to maximise teaching time in order to prepare Year Six for the challenges ahead of them in May. Moving the production to the end of the summer term means that the teaching timetable is not disrupted prior to SATs; giving your child the best chance of achieving their full potential in their end of year tests.

A Key Stage Two Summer performance will also allow for a much wider variety of plays to be put on each year, rather than being restricted to a Nativity themed production.

Staging a performance at a different time to Key Stage One makes it easier to manage rehearsals in the school hall and means there is a greater opportunity to use a stage set/ scenery if it does not need to be changed between performances.

Rehearsals for the Key Stage Two production will start after SATs, giving the children a real focus for their last half term at school.

There will still be a 'Leavers Assembly' on the last day of the summer term, it will just have a different format to those in recent years. Don't worry, the Powerpoint of photos will still be included so you'll still need your tissues!

In order to move forward, St. Anne's must continue to be reflective and make changes when necessary, for the good of all pupils. I hope this clarifies the reasons behind these decisions but if you wish to discuss this further please come and speak to me.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. J. Hannett