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Dear Parents and Carers of St Bernadette Pupils,

Today is the start of the last week of the school year and it is hard to believe that we will have spent one third of the school year with St Bernadette's closed to the majority of pupils and home learning being the norm. We are very proud of the way that so many of our pupils have persevered with their learning, even when things have been difficult. They have really demonstrated the characteristics of a St Bernadette scholar as expressed in our Excellence Wheel- commitment, determination, independence, ambition, positivity and responsibility. Well done to them and to you for all the support you have given to your child's learning at this time!

This week, to mark the end of the school year, each year group will be sent a special assembly to share achievements and praise points collected over the year. We will also find out which house has won this year and will have their flag flying when we return to school in the autumn. On Thursday, the last day of school, we will share with pupils a special end of year assembly. Normally we would all gather in the Hall but instead we will be asking all members of our school community to virtually come together to watch and participate in the end of year assembly and finish the school year off as a united school community.

As I mentioned last week, the government has issued guidance to schools on what must be put in place to ensure a safe return in September for pupils and staff. We are putting the finishing touches to a booklet which will explain the things that will have to be different. The booklet will be emailed to you and your child on Wednesday and will also appear on our school website.

In order to allow schools to prepare and for staff to be briefed, we have been allowed to take an additional two INSET days at the start of the new school year. We will be adding these to our usual start of year INSET day and will therefore have three INSET days - on Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd September. On Friday 4th September we will only have Year 7 pupils, who missed out on their Transition Day, and Year 11 pupils in school. We will be open to all pupils from Monday 7th September.

During this week please look out for the September information booklet as well as the end of year edition of the Bernard.

Thank you for all of your support. Stay safe and have a good week.

Best wishes

Mrs McLaughlin