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Dear girls and boys,

Well, here we are in the last week of term for this school year and everyone is looking forward to the long summer holiday. I do hope you have enjoyed this year in school and feel you have learnt a lot in the company of your friends and with the help and encouragement of your very hard working teachers.

So many people help to make your time in school a good experience – Mrs Hall and all the teachers and support staff, Mr Francis, the ladies in the school kitchen and those who look after you at lunch time, the ladies who clean the school every evening, the people who visit on a regular basis such as Miss Stone, Emma Cockburn and Hannah Middleton and those who you visit such as the people at Lemington Methodist Church who hear your reading. So many people care about your education and want you to do well and be safe both now and in the future. I hope you will spare a moment to think about all they do for you and thank them.

You have achieved a great deal this year. The results of the Early Years assessments and the Class 1 phonics tests show that you are well prepared to go on to the next exciting stages. We are delighted with the Class 2 and Class 6 SATs tests. You have done really well and shown that you and your teachers have worked hard, aimed high and achieved amazing things.

You've also had an exciting year in other ways. It's good to see so many of you cycling and scooting to school and I hope you and your parents enjoyed your cycle ride in May and the treasure hunt. Well done to Class 4 who took part in the Cycling Proficiency sessions.

It's good to learn a little bit about the history of the area where you live and go to school and the Puffing Billy celebrations have allowed you to do that with Classes 3 and 5 going to Beamish and KS2 making the wonderful banner. I'm sorry the Puffing Billy Day with other schools had to be cancelled because of the weather but I hope you enjoyed the celebrations in school.

You must be very proud of your achievement in winning the Green Echo Flag award for all the environmental work you have done in school. I get a real thrill every time I see it on the flag pole and I hope you do too.

So here we are at the end of term. We send our very best wishes and a special thank you to Mrs Cockburn on her retirement. She has looked after and supported you all and in some cases your parents as well when they were children!! We also send our very best wishes the boys and girls in Class 6 who are moving on to new schools in September. They have been a real credit to the school, achieving our best ever SATs results with level 6's for the first time and they have been so good in other ways too – looking after younger children, helping teachers and being great ambassadors for the school. We are very proud of them and wish them all the very best for the future. We know they will seize their opportunities and do well.

We will see the rest of you in September ready for another exciting year at Lemington Riverside Primary School. Meanwhile, enjoy your holiday and look after yourselves and others.

With very best wishes,

Margaret Shipley,  
Chair of Governors

