

Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to welcome you to Wildern. I know already that you have received several forms of communication from us at the school about induction day and September however I wanted to write to you about the here and now.

Last year, I was a parent of a Year 6 not-so little girl and I understand how this last half-term of Year 6, of Primary School, is one filled with mixed emotions: from feeling that it has come around so fast, they are growing up too quickly, they are not so little any more to they are so ready, they are becoming independent, they need this extra challenge that secondary school brings. I alternated between all these emotions as I am sure you will too and so when I saw this social media post about what Year 6 parents should do to indulge themselves just one more time before September I felt that I wanted to share this with you:

- Walk your child to school / pick them up from school even if they don't want you to
- Remember how little their hand was when you held it on the first day of reception and hold that hand again as you walk with them
- Laugh about the sticks they picked up, the paintings that they carefully carried
- Reminisce about their sports days
- Remind them about the Nativity plays and their costumes(!)
- Sing those songs that they sang and sang
- Talk about all their teachers
- Read them a story before bed
- Tell them how proud you are of them and how excited you are to see them grow

You have time, there is just over 6 weeks left to do these things and hopefully, if like me, you work and don't always get to do the drop offs/pick-ups, maybe there is time to do them one last time...As Dr Seuss says, ' Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.'

We are very excited for your child to join our Wildern family and for us to continue to nurture their growth and development over the next five years.

With very best wishes

Mrs C Oakley
Headteacher