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Gold Book Awards for Outstanding Work

YR Esmée D for persevering with her reading and learning to read lots of the tricky words by sight.

YR Rosie for showing enthusiasm and persistence and having an aspirational attitude towards her learning.

Y2 Ruben for being a super star writer, creating an argument for and against as to why the bear should or shouldn't have gone to the city.

Y2 Sammy B for being a star writer, creating music and book reviews. Well done!

Y3 Ella-May for not giving up on her home remote learning—she just keeps trying and trying.

Y3 Lisa for excellent independent working in the Key Worker pod each day.

Y4 Lenny for his enthusiasm and motivation during the Goodbye Day. Well done!

Y5 Freddie for his fantastic time machine made as part of the Time Traveller learning journey.

Y5 Imogen for showing courage and confidence in her Goodbye Day this week. Well done!

Y6 Charlie P for his fantastic Winston Churchill Costume and his dedication to the part staying in role all day.

Y6 Emily G for being a superstar Land Girl on Evacuee Day and being the best at blacking out her window.

members of staff. I will then send out information to parents about how this will be managed in September. One thing that is very clear is that we will still have to have a staggered start and end to the day, but we will try to make this as manageable as possible.

If you are feeling anxious about your child returning the DFE has produced a video for parents about returning to school which can be viewed by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiefaCf2fvY>

GOODBYE DAYS

This week the teachers have had another opportunity to meet their class to say goodbye. Thank you to the parents who have shared their feedback and experiences of these days. They have been overwhelmingly positive. It has been so lovely and encouraging to hear from you about how the children have felt a little bit anxious about returning, but have loved their day and now feel more confident about returning in September. This has made all the hard work worthwhile because this is just what we wanted the days to achieve. There are a couple more goodbye sessions next week and then the children will have the opportunity to start meeting their new teachers—which is very exciting.

I have had a couple of queries about presents for staff and whether this is allowed this year. We never expect presents and always appreciate what we do receive and if you do wish to send in a thank you card or gift this is absolutely fine as it is not travelling backwards and forwards to school, but please remember we do not expect this especially in such hard times.

PGL UPDATE

As some of you will be aware the Year 6 trip to PGL had to be cancelled this year, and PGL were not returning any of the payments made. I am pleased to be able to tell you that we have negotiated with PGL to transfer this year's payment to next year's trip for the current Year 5. This is brilliant news. The Year 6 payments will be returned to all parents before the end of term and we will get a letter out to Year 5 parents outlining the plans for next year's trip. This is good news for everyone.

SEPTEMBER RETURN TO SCHOOL

This week the Education Minister has set out the plans for all children to return to school in September. Myself and the teachers are all thrilled that we will be able to have all of our children back with us when we return after the summer holidays. There will still be some social distancing measures in place but all of the children will be able to return to full time education, which is brilliant.

The new guidance to schools was outlined by Gavin Williamson in the Government Briefing on Thursday and schools have now received this guidance. I will be looking through this very carefully in the next few weeks and sharing the key messages with all

