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Dear Year 6,

Today should have been the day when you came into school, some of you nervous, some of you excited, most of you probably somewhere in the middle, to sit your SATs. I know many of you will be relieved that you never had to open the papers, but that equally, lots of you will feel a little bit disappointed that you didn't get to show off all you had learnt and practised so hard for.

I have no doubt, that you would have flown through those papers with ease. The initial nerves and anxiety would have disappeared as you relaxed into the questions and realised that it really was true that, "There are only so many ways they can ask you a question!"

You would have all remembered your favourite fronted adverbial and would have made doubly sure there was a verb in your subordinate clause. You would have definitely found and copied just **one word** from the text. Your arithmetic would have been spot on, with no forgotten place holders left off the end of long multiplications. Reasoning would have been a breeze, you all would have remembered the name of a triangle and made sure you drew place value columns to check how to order the numbers correctly.

But what those tests wouldn't have examined are the really important things, like how kind you are and how much you care about your friends. They wouldn't have seen you sharing your things and inviting people to play with you. They wouldn't have known about how you help each other out in class when you can see someone is struggling. They wouldn't have heard how brilliant you are at singing or reciting poetry in assembly. They wouldn't have read your brilliant writing – especially those gory descriptions of amputating your arm! They wouldn't have seen your fabulous Aladdin performances or those brilliant goals in the netball and football matches.

So this week, while you are getting on with your home learning, I hope you take a little bit of time to relax and celebrate the fact that you reached this milestone because you worked hard, you were committed to your learning and you always tried your best.

Here's to you, class of 2020!

Lots of love,

Mrs Taylor



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