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Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you all for your kind wishes, thoughtful gestures and most importantly your support over the past year. It is a year that none of us could have predicted however our aim throughout this time has been the safety of our school community and ensuring your children have the best experiences and opportunities during their time at Ballymoney Nursery School. We are extremely proud of all our children, their resilience, positive attitude and how they have all progressed throughout the year. We are grateful to all our parents/carers/grandparents who supported us throughout the year; adhered to the mitigations we had in place to reduce the risk of Covid-19 as well as carrying out the remote learning activities during Lockdown.

I would like to personally thank each of our staff members and the students we have had throughout the year. They all adapted their practice to ensure we were doing all that we could to mitigate the risk of Covid-19 and dedicated themselves to working as a team to help provide our children with rich learning experiences this year. I would also like to thank them for the support they have personally shown me throughout the year and for embracing the new ideas and ways of working that were adopted throughout the year. This year, we held our first Christmas concerts, graduations and sports days. We re-developed our outdoor areas to ensure all areas of the curriculum were being enhanced outside and created a dedicated space for pre pre schoolers. Staff upskilled themselves on using Seesaw to ensure that during the period of remote learning the children were provided with daily videos and feedback on work that was being shared. Some staff also undertook additional training out with their working hours to improve the outcomes for children.

I would also like to thank our Board of Governors who willingly give up their time to ensure the efficient running of the school and in particular this year with the vacancy management of the Building Supervisor, Clerical Officer and Class Teacher posts.

As a school community we have all worked together and kept our children safe throughout the year and we hope they have enjoyed their Nursery school experience. I know the school year ended sooner than we would have liked for some of the classes however the most important thing is that we are all safe and well. I wish you all a safe and peaceful summer with many memories to be made and treasured. To all our pre-schoolers, good luck for when you start Primary 1. To our pre pre-schoolers, we look forward to welcoming you back in August/September.

The end of term not only brought to close the school year but also the end to Mrs McClelland's teaching career. Mrs McClelland has been an integral part of Ballymoney Nursery School community for the past 22 years and we are going to miss her very much. She has had a positive nurturing impact on the lives of hundreds of children in the local community as well as supporting numerous Governors, staff members and students over the years. We wish her all the very best in this new chapter of her life.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Best wishes

Jennifer Trimmings, Principal

