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Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the end of another *happy, healthy and productive* year at Appleton Wiske. There has been a lot going on this week with a range of enrichment activities for the children. On Monday, our Year 5/6 pupils performed with their guitars and ukuleles for the whole school and sounded fantastic. On Tuesday, our Year 6 pupils were treated by the Friends of the School to a visit to the Great Yorkshire show and had a brilliant time. Also on Tuesday, our Reception and Year 1 pupils enjoyed their final forest school session of the year. On Wednesday, our Year 2/3/4 pupils enjoyed a visit to Shildon Railway, and our Year 5 pupils had a great time at Northallerton School's Year 5 Festival. We are now looking forward to our end of year leavers' assembly on Friday afternoon. It will be a fitting end to another successful year for our school.

As you know, I am moving on after ten happy years, and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has been part of this wonderful school community during my time here.

It has been the greatest privilege to work alongside such incredible children. They are, and always will be, at the heart of everything we do, and it has been a joy to watch them learn, grow and flourish. I am immensely proud of every single one of them and feel incredibly fortunate to have been part of their journey. I would like to thank my fantastic staff for everything they do for our school and pupils. Their dedication, commitment and support are key to our school's success. I could not have done this job without them. I would also like to thank the governors for their unwavering support throughout my time here, and I am especially grateful for their kindness and generosity as I leave. Finally, a big thank you to all the parents, carers, family members and wider community for supporting our school. This is a truly special school community that I have been proud to serve.

I have been overwhelmed by all the kind words, lovely messages and thoughtful gifts from children, staff, governors and parents/carers. On Monday, I was treated to a surprise leaving assembly with the whole school. It was a really special occasion with music, songs and messages from our Year 6 pupils. I also received lots of amazing gifts, including stunning garden chairs, an apple tree, a massive hamper, vouchers, class message books and a beautiful canvas from the children. It's far too much and very generous, and I'm so grateful to everyone.

It has been a pleasure to lead this fabulous school, and I wish our children, staff, governors, parents/carers and the whole school community every happiness and continued success in the years ahead.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'N Clark'.

Mr N Clark
Head Teacher