**The Journey**

***You will need a rucksack or similar bag, packed with:***

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| A passport | A postcard | A packet of wet wipes |
|  | A map | A ticket |
| A torch | A luggage label, with the Bible reference ‘I am with you always’ written on it | Each child will need a battery tealight to take away with them |

Your time with us at ………School has been a bit like a journey….and like a journey, the road stretches behind us…. and ahead of us…like time itself.

For ……years, we have belonged together….. we have been a familiar place, your home *[get out passport]…* we have shared our lives together… there will be people we are grateful for, people who have helped us on this journey [Link this to the THANK YOU ACTIVITY]

There will have been great times that you’ll always remember, moments that will stay with you forever, captured as if on a postcard sent to a loved one *[get out postcard]*….. [Link this to the WOW ACTIVITY]

We also know that there will have been times when things got in a mess *[get out wet wipes]* and we’ve needed to clean up…. to say sorry…and to forgive each other….or to leave behind regrets about things that didn’t go as we’d hoped…. Your new school is another kind of new beginning for you….a chance to reflect on who you are, and the gift that you’ll be to your new school community…. [Link to REGRET ACTIVITY]

We all know that moving on can be a time of worry too, as we leave behind all the familiar things, so we’ve taken time today to put these things into God’s hands – to choose to let go of the things that we are concerned about. [Link to PLEASE ACTIVITY]

*[Get ticket out of bag]* Next steps are exciting, like buying a ticket, a promise that you are on your way to something new and exciting – a match, a show, an adventure. And so we’ve thought together about the things in your new school that will get you excited. [Link to TICKET ACTIVITY] Jesus told his friends that he was sending them on a new adventure too: to Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth, but you’re not going that anywhere near that far!

On your journey with us, we hope that you have learned many things: and gained not just knowledge, but wisdom, and that these things will equip you for the world that lies ahead *[get out map]* as you travel on in your school journey…. [Link to SCHOOL VALUES ACTIVITY]

We hope that your time with us will help you to shine your light brightly *[get out torch]….* Developing your talents, gifts, abilities and working hard whilst you’ve been with us have helped you to do just this. Jesus talked about shining your light for all to see – not hiding it under a bowl. So shine brightly, year 6, as you start on your new adventure. We also hope that your time with us has taught you to know where to find light when the road is dark…. ….to help you to find your way when you are lost and help others to do the same….[LIGHT BATTERY TEALIGHT]

….but more than anything, we hope you leave us seeing yourself, and others, as God sees you… full of potential….. precious….and unique….and loved….

….And so, tickets in hand, as we pack up ready to move on, we want to remind you of some words that Jesus spoke to his friends before he left earth and moved on himself *[tie luggage label onto bag]*: **‘I will be with you always.’**

**And you know where we are too!**