





I have written many newsletters home to parents but this is without doubt the most difficult of them all. I am retiring today after many happy years at Meadows (as teacher, deputy head and then headteacher). Within that time, the school has become very dear to my heart and I will leave with great many memories of staff, pupils, parents and Governors - past and present.

I am deeply saddened to be leaving as I have had the most amazing experience at Meadows. I can say with complete honesty that the children at Meadows are the best pupils to teach. We have children who are full of enthusiasm, who care for one another and try their best every single day. They have made me extremely proud and I know they will all go on to do great things in later life.

I have so many things to be grateful for. Not many Headteachers have the experience of having an entire staff team that they love working with. They all work extremely hard to give the best they can to our pupils. They make it a joy to come into work each day and I will miss this extended family. I have also been surrounded by a leadership team and governing body who have supported my vision and worked with me to make it happen. The reward being to achieve outstanding by OFSTED in all areas in 2019. I know at times we have had challenges, but even through the tough times such as the Covid pandemic, the staff have always managed to see the humour and keep a smile on their faces. I will truly miss them all.

To all of the parents at Meadows, I cannot thank you enough for your support throughout my time at Meadows. You have been an amazing part of the school's journey to provide the best learning opportunities for the pupils, whilst keeping a focus on looking after everyone's well-being and having lots of fun along the way. Thank you also for the gifts, cards and kind thoughts I have received this week; they have meant a lot to me.

There are a great many people who are associated with the school who will steer the school community through the next phase of its journey and I have the utmost confidence that the school will continue to thrive under Mr Satchwell's leadership. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas holidays and a happy New Year.





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