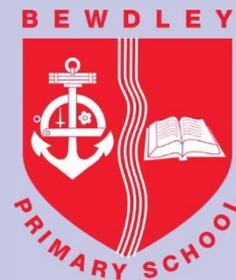


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Dear Parents/Carers

I just wanted to say a few words as I come to the end of my time at Bewdley Primary School and my teaching career.

I realise that I have been incredibly lucky not only to have done a job for the past 33 years that I have loved but also to work with so many wonderful people. I didn't start out in teaching; I began my working life as an electronic engineer apprentice. Whilst this was interesting, I realised that I wanted to have a career that involved more contact with people and decided to retrain as a teacher after a few years. It was absolutely the right thing for me and I have never regretted a single moment. I have worked in 5 different schools in two local authorities and I have lost count of the number of children I have taught. I do know that my first class will now be about 41/42 years of age – so older than many of you parents!

It is a privilege to have been a part of all those children's lives and, hopefully, made a positive difference to them in some way.

The last 9 ½ years at Bewdley Primary School have flown by and, I can honestly say, that in spite of the ups and downs (in particular the Covid period of time), it has been a hugely enjoyable period of my life.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all of the parents – past and present- who have been so supportive and understanding. We don't always get things right but we are always doing the best we can and we really appreciate your support and patience. It has been lovely getting to know you and your families over the years.

I know that my job has been made so much easier and pleasurable by the dedication of the staff I have worked with. Their tireless efforts to do their absolute best for the children is commendable. I have been lucky – the children have been very lucky too! Despite increasing demands, expectations and heavy workloads, the staff continue to put the children first and are constantly looking for ways to improve both personally and in their provision for the pupils. I don't know many schools where staff do so much above and beyond the expectations in order to create the best experiences for our children. It has been an honour working with them all and I absolutely know that I am leaving the school in safe hands to continue on its journey.

And finally, to the most important members of the school – our children. There is never the right time to leave, there are always the next group of children that you would like to see through to the end of the primary years so it will be really sad to say goodbye before this time.

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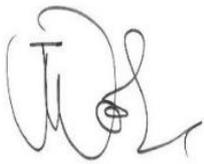
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I am hopeful that I will be invited back to share some special moments with the children at school.

Thank you so much for the kind and thoughtful words, cards and gifts that I have received.

I would just like to wish everyone the best of luck for the future. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a great new year.

All my best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Woakes', written in a cursive style.

Jane Woakes
Head Teacher