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Dear Parents and Carers

Where do I begin?

Thank you for all you kind messages, cards and gifts over the last few days. I have been overwhelmed by your good wishes.

It has been such a strange last term to end my time as Headteacher. I have missed all the children and you as parents, and I am sorry I haven't seen so many of you to say goodbye and wish you well.

You have all worked so hard over recent months to get it right for your children. The response to the home learning has been wonderful and it has been so good to see a lot of the children's work through email, on twitter and our conversations on the phone. Well done for getting through such a difficult time.

I have thought long and hard about what I might leave as parting gifts to the school. In the end I bought the school a loudspeaker / tannoy to use for outside events. I suspect there may be more in the future and you may be spread right across the field. It is important to hear what is being said and who has won the races at sports day!

I have also bought a sundial for the children to understand how the sun can help us tell the time. This will be useful in different parts of the curriculum. I know our Site Manager will set it up somewhere where you can all see it.

Just before the lockdown, we were about to have the fence along the driveway and KS1 playground replaced but this had to be put on hold. I hope this will be done by the time you arrive back in school in September. I also hope the RSA stone sculpture that has been under tarpaulin for months, will be put in place and revealed.

Thank you for your support of everything we have tried to achieve together at Oldbury Park. I have particularly enjoyed seeing you at the Friday morning assemblies when we have been able to share the children's learning with you.

The decision to become an Academy was a major step for our school. Your supportive contributions to the consultation were very much appreciated and helped the Governors arrive at their decision. I am sure, over time, you will really feel the benefits of this for your children. It has been such a shame that they have missed all the new opportunities presented by the RSA that were in place for them had they been in school since March.

The Oldbury Park family is wonderful. I have been extremely fortunate to have had a very supportive Governing Body, Senior Leadership Team and Staff to work with. This has made the difference in all that we have achieved, alongside you, as such supportive parents. Your children are amazing! Visitors to the school always remark on their behaviour and focus to work hard and do their best. I have been so proud of them, as I know you are too.

What's next for me? I am looking forward to spending more time with my family. In the last couple of years we have had two grandchildren and another is on the way. I love singing and look forward to being able to join two choirs. Then I hope there will be time for reading, cycling, walking, visiting my mother in Oxfordshire and having more time with my husband, Ken, who has already been retired for four years. I will still keep in touch with education. I am going to continue my role as Governor at the Pupil Referral Unit and I am going to become the Administrator for the Worcester City Heads group, of which I have played an active part over the years.

I will miss you all but will always be grateful to you and your children for giving me seven very happy years as Headteacher at Oldbury Park. I will treasure so many fond memories of the whole school community. As you know, I live in St Johns, so hope to see many of you around and about.

Thank you and goodbye for now.

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