

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year has certainly been very different from the one I'd anticipated when I chose to retire back in the autumn. I had hoped to organise a "Farewell" song for the choir to perform and was looking forward to all the exciting events that normally take place during the latter half of the summer term. However, circumstances beyond anyone's control happened and here we are, the end of my career and little opportunity to say goodbye to all the children, families and colleagues I have worked with over the past 5½ years. To say it has been surreal is an understatement and working from home for the first 12 weeks was unusual, although it did save me a packet on travelling expenses. I have thoroughly enjoyed being back in school during the past month and being part of Rachel Madocks once more, despite it being rather quiet and somewhat empty.

This has been a great school to work in and a wonderful setting in which to end my teaching career. My only regret is that I didn't get to work here sooner so that I could have had even more years at this amazing place. It is a testament to the dedication and hard work of *all* the staff that the children enjoy coming to school and miss it when unable to attend, due to holidays or, as recent events have shown, a major upheaval caused by an international pandemic.

I would like to express my thanks to you all for your kind comments, messages and wishes. I will be keeping up with news and events via the website and Facebook page because, having been part of the Family of Rachel Madocks, it will be extremely hard to let it go. Finally, I would like to wish all of you, and especially your wonderful children, all the very best for the future.

Take care, keep safe and live life to the full

Pamela