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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fun packed and very special week, starting with our KS2 Sports Day on Monday, packing in swimming lessons for children in Years 4,5 and 6 and finishing with a fabulous Year 6 Leavers Assembly on Friday. We really have squeezed every last minute of fun and laughter out of each day!

After combining the points won by the children in the KS1 and KS2 Sports Days, we were able to let the children know that the cup was won by Simonds this year, who narrowly beat Marshall, by 6 points. Cusden were third and Cadogan came fourth overall. Congratulations to all the children who took part and many thanks to the staff, parents and ex pupil volunteers who helped throughout both events. Chris Ellison, you're a legend!

We have sadly had to say farewell to a number of staff who are leaving The Heights, but are excited about what they are moving on to do. Many thanks to Yesim Tufan and Jo Stokes from the lunchtime team for all their hard work and support, and to Aimee Boyd and Iona Yarwood, who are moving on to complete their teaching qualifications. We're thrilled that they are wanting to enter the teaching profession.

Thank you also to Helen Richardson, who is leaving and taking a little time, like myself, to decide on what she wants to do with the next chapter of her life. Candy Thomas is leaving after teaching at The Heights for 7 years and will be taking on the role of Assistant Headteacher and Inclusion Manager at Woodley C of E Primary and, after 8 years with us, Vicki Abbott is taking on a teaching role closer to home and her young family. Sam Bareham, has been a TA at the school since we opened 10 years ago and is going to be spending time developing her jewellery making business. They will all be hugely missed and we wish them every success and happiness in the future.

So now it is time for me to say farewell after ten, truly wonderful years here as the Headteacher of The Heights.

As I said in my letter to you all last October, I can't begin to explain what an incredible honour and privilege it has been to have been the Headteacher of this fabulous school. I have been on and had the most amazing journey and experiences, from when we had no site, pupils or staff, in April 2014, to seeing our first pupils, (61 Reception and Year 1 children), running across Westfield Park to the school on the temporary site on our opening day in September of that same year. We have led trips and experiences, had an Ofsted and continued to grow every year until we reached our capacity of two year 6 classes in 2020. We worked through Covid, built and moved to our new building on our permanent site and joined BPET, our MAT.

The rest, as they say, is history.

I feel blessed to have worked with the most wonderful pupils, staff, parents, governors, now LAB members & members of two trusts throughout my time here. There has been much laughter (and some tears), warmth and buckets full of love and wonderful memories. Again, as I said back in October, aside from raising my own children, there is nothing that I feel more proud of in my life, than what we have achieved as a community, altogether at The Heights.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped support the school and myself personally over the years. I feel both privileged and humbled to have been able to work closely with so many caring and immensely supportive

people, including yourselves as parents, the staff, LAB and Trust members and other professionals, practitioners and members of the local community.

I am genuinely, really excited about the next chapter and future of the school and very confident that the school will remain in incredibly strong hands, under the strong leadership of Mrs Harrison, with the support of Mrs Fallon, all the staff and members of the LAB and Trust.

I will miss so much about our wonderful school community but I will take with me and cherish, the most precious memories and a piece of my heart will always remain at The Heights.

Thank you all again, for everything and I wish you all every success for the future. I promise I won't be a stranger.



Mrs E xx



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Dates for the Diary - new or amended dates are in *bold italics*.

Start of Autumn Term	5 th September
Year 4 Longridge trip	2 nd - 4 th October
Year 6 Skernlodge trip	7 th - 11 th October
October half term	25 th October