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Dear Parents

Sadly Happy

This is one of those letters that you knew you were going to have to write one day but then it creeps up on you and you're not sure how you feel about it (*or where the time went*).

I have made the decision to retire and so my last day as Headteacher of Riverside will be 28th April. I did contemplate the alternative but as this involved installing stair lifts and most probably finding the marbles I have lost over the years, I thought it best to avoid such actions. After being here for 47 years I think I have fulfilled my contractual obligations of the six weeks I was initially employed for, even though it's hard to think of times when I will not be at school during term time.

There are things that I will still be involved in (*I'm not that easy to get rid of*) such as the new building project that I have been working on for over 10 years now – I want to see it through and marvel at its completion! So, if you see me about, do not think I have lost all sense of awareness - yet.

Of course, this leads the way to a new phase and I am happy to tell you that the new Acting Headteachers as of May will be Jill Lewis and Sophie Alder. The school is fortunate to have the staff with the skills to lead and teach at Riverside, maintaining the outstanding ethos and standards in this time of change as well as take on new and no doubt exciting projects in the future. They, in turn, are lucky that they have your support and encouragement behind them as they take on their new role.

I am sure I will have many opportunities to tell all the staff and parents how thankful I am to have had the support, friendship and assistance I have been given and how proud I am of each and every pupil I have met, taught (*and told off*) over the years.

Until such time, school carries on as usual and I'll see you all at the gate on Friday morning (*or in Tesco's getting shopping*), whichever comes first, and the Assembly Challenge will be back on Monday.

Jose



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