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Dear Parents, Children and Staff

Some Guys Have All The Luck

What a busy but lovely couple of weeks I have had since we returned...I am going to need a long rest after this...oh wait, I think I will have the time to do that! Ah, but I'll need some refreshments...I think I have them too!!

I just want to say how much I appreciate all the assemblies, kind words, cards and books, flowers, pressies, gift cards, drawings, emails, hugs and refreshments I have been showered with; I have felt truly special and pampered. There is not a thank you big enough to give you all. The artwork picture of the school is stunning and a constant reminder of you all (not that I need a prompt; you are and always will be uppermost in my mind).

Some people have asked about my plans so I thought I would share the first few:

1. Turn off the alarm, especially for Mondays
2. Find the child-free zone
3. Remember not to drive to Riverside
4. Never to get on the Jubilee Line (or C10) during rush hour
5. Not answer the phone to Jill or Sophie!!

But I do have tickets to Wimbledon and to see a certain singer who to me is always Forever Young.

I do not believe there is a Headteacher anywhere in the world that has a school that sings a medley of your favourite songs for your special assembly so amazingly well. Indeed, You're In My Heart and In My Soul. It was such a surprise (not that you sing well but that everyone kept it a secret for so long) and I was totally stunned and, for once, speechless.

So, I will end my final letter with the thought that I will miss every single one of you and I can truly say that I have laughed ten times more than I have cried over the years and that is down to all of you who have made the last 47 years seem like 47 days. To quote a certain Mr. Stewart (and when I am singing this at the top of my voice I will think of you all) please remember...

*"And when I finally fly away I'll be hoping that I served you well
For all the wisdom of a lifetime no one can ever tell
But whatever road you choose, I'm right behind you, win or lose"*

Jose



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