

Farewell to Mrs Berkeley

At the end of the Spring term, the school bade farewell to Mrs Berkeley after 18 years of loyal service to the school and the community. It was never going to be possible to celebrate her time at the school and wish her all the best for the future that she deserved due to the Covid restrictions that were in place. It has been a difficult time for everybody over the last 12 months and with schools having to close for some of this period. It did bring about a number of tough but interesting challenges for heads, teachers, parents and pupils alike with home schooling and remote learning. Well done to everyone involved. It was brilliant, that Mrs Berkeley was able to see all the children back in school for her last few weeks in charge.

Over her tenure as our Headteacher she has provided the school with a clear sense of direction and ambition, enabling the children to leave the school with a love of learning and the ability to focus on achieving all that is possible as a result of the ethos and culture that she helped establish with the dedication and support of her team. Her support and love of the school was clearly evidenced in her decision to remain for a further two terms, putting all her plans to one side, to help the school through the demands and tribulations that the pandemic presented, to ensure that the needs of the children were met during this time.

Mrs Berkeley will be sorely missed and we all wish her every success for the future.

The governors of the school have appointed a new Headteacher, Miss Sam Wilding who will be joining the school at the start of the summer term. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, Miss Wilding has only been able to spend a few hours in the school and I know that she is excited to be picking up the 'baton' that Mrs Berkeley has passed on, getting to meet all the team and children at the school. Over the first few months of her headship she will be introducing herself to the parents and community and I know she will be writing a piece for the next edition of the Church newsletter. Everyone at the school wishes her every success in the role and I am sure that she will be made very welcome by the whole community

Dear God, Thank you for the beautiful world around us and the wonderful treats that Easter brings. Thank you for sacrificing yourself for us so that we can live in peace and happiness. Amen. By Year 2.