



26th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers past and present,

I have some sad news to share.

Mrs Parkin's mum sadly passed away from Covid-19 during lockdown whilst she was in a care home. Clearly this was a big shock to the family and a terrible end to anyone's life. A situation like this makes you take stock of your life and for Mrs Parkin, she has decided that she needs to spend more time with her family and baby grandson.

So, Mrs Parkin has made the decision to leave her post as School Business Officer at our school and will be leaving us at the end of term.

We, as a school are absolutely behind her decision but are devastated at the loss of such a warm, caring member of our school team. In the 10 years she has been with us, she has helped us enormously and in many ways from being the face and voice that greets you to her costume making, cake baking, financial management, governor clerking, organisational administration, lost tooth sorter, colleague and friend. She has always been highly professional, amazing at her job, and a real asset to the school. She has been an amazing support to me; working together has been a joy and I will miss her so much.

We would like to put together, with the Friends team's support, a book of memories, thoughts, wishes etc from the children, but also parents past and present. If you would like to contribute to this we would like pictures, comments etc on paper – no bigger than A5, which will be uploaded into a photo book. Make sure you add your or your child's name. Please can you drop these off at school through the letterbox or email them to us - please use e-mail address gharper@bakewell-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk – Gabby is our new business admin person – she is an apprentice, so is learning the job (a big job and a hard act to follow). Please do as soon as you can and by the end of term if at all possible.

It is hard to have a proper leaving 'do' with current restrictions, but as soon as we can we will invite her back to properly say goodbye!

Please pass this information on to anyone who might want to contribute so that we can get to as many people as possible.

Many thanks

Mrs Outram