



So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye....

Dear Parents Carers and children,

I just wanted to say goodbye to you all and wish every single one of you all the best for the future.

I have been part of the St Matthew's community for 20 years, starting as a teaching assistant in year 6 and finishing as Admin Officer. I have been on 4 residential trips, taking part in overnight camps on the school field and been part of the bivouac experience and been on numerous school trips; the most memorable of which was a trip to the Living Rainforest and someone licking the plants!

I have worked with six headteachers and four deputies and brilliant teachers (the present staff are the best of course), governors and ptfa members. Every single one of them has given their all to the school and I am proud to have worked alongside them.

I have seen extensions to buildings, new entrance ways, a trim trail, a canopy to the KS1 area and indeed the KS1 area itself. And who can forget the hall with the clouds and twinkling lights which was definitely Mrs Bowen's influence. Never a dull moment here and we certainly spend every penny we have on making the best possible environment for the children to learn and play in.

I now see the children coming through, whose parents were in the classes I worked in when I first joined the school, which just goes to show what an amazing school this is.

This last year has seen us go through a pandemic and I'm so very proud of the way the staff, parents and children have worked together to engage in their learning either here at school or via Zoom. As a grandparent I know how hard my children have found juggling home learning and their own workloads so hats off to you all. You are amazing. I must say I'm quite pleased not to have the school office files at home and I won't miss the access issues to systems!

I will miss you all tremendously but it is time for me to spend more time with my family and my young grandchildren. I won't be a stranger and I'm sure you will see me at sports days, fayres and other events supporting you all in any way I can.

My very best wishes to you all and Happy Easter.

Debbie Still

