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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is my last week as Head at Bawtry Mayflower. As you know my retirement was postponed from last summer but even in a pandemic, time flies by and my last day approaches.

I feel so proud of the children and staff at Mayflower. A school is just a building unless it is filled with children so seeing everyone back in school before I leave has been wonderful. The school feels vibrant, energetic and the children are so busy with their learning that when I went around school today, some classes didn't even realise I was there.

This year has not been the end to my career that I would have hoped for but I have much to be grateful for and I have so many happy memories of my time here. The list of wonderful moments is endless but highlights include residential visits - Austerfield, Kingswood and Hollowford where I was able to really get to know the children and share in their adventures; Christmas and end of year productions where I felt such overwhelming pride in the work of the children and staff and Leavers Assemblies where I have struggled to contain my emotions as I see the children prepare to begin their secondary school journeys. Life in school is made up of these termly and yearly rituals which are always made unique and special because of the unique and special children who make them so fabulous.

Of course, we all know that spending time with children is a joy. Children are such fun and never a day goes by when a child will do or say something that just makes me smile - or more often, laugh out loud. Seeing the world through their eyes is so refreshing. So while I will miss being part of the rituals and routines of school I will also miss the everyday: singing assemblies (oh how I miss those!); chats on the playground; spending time with children who just need that little bit of space away from the busy classroom; being almost knocked over by children rushing to give me a hug and joining in with learning and fun in the classroom. Seeing so many children blossom and grow in confidence has been such an honour.

I feel so grateful that I have had a career that I love. I loved being a classroom teacher and I have loved being Headteacher at Bawtry. The children, the staff and the whole community are really special and I feel privileged to have been able to spend so much of my career here. As I have visited all the classrooms this week, I have been reminded just how many families

I have known since my arrival at Bawtry in 2007. Indeed, the number of children in school I have known since they were babies is astounding!

I feel both excited and terrified about leaving. I will miss working with the amazing staff and children and I will miss being a part of the fantastic Bawtry community. I am proud of the work we do here. School is in a strong position to move forward and face future challenges and I look forward to hearing of future successes of the school as a whole and of individual children.

Thank you for your support and for placing your trust in us over the years. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your children's lives. They will always have a special place in my heart.

Take care,



Julie Jenkinson, Headteacher

