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With God, all things are possible.

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Dear SMA family,

The end of term is nearly here and so it is time for me to write my final letter to you. I will send an end of term newsletter out next week, but that should be focused on the children, not me!

I explained in a previous letter to you, that my reason for leaving is due to family reasons and that the decision has been an incredibly difficult one. After twenty-four very happy and incredibly rewarding years teaching in and leading SMA, it is time for me to say goodbye.

Words will never, ever express how dear SMA is to me. It is an understatement to say that SMA has and always will be a huge part of my life. Quite simply, I have loved being the Headteacher here and I see it as a huge privilege that I was chosen to lead such an amazing school.

SMA is unique, there is no other place like it. The reason for this is down to the children, staff, parents, carers and governors. It is such a tight knit community, the SMA family, where children are at the heart of all we do and all our decision making. I see our school vision and values lived out in all that we do and this makes me so very proud.

I know that this uniqueness will continue as Mr Griffiths takes over Headship in September, and I also know that you will make him feel very welcome, because that is what we do here at SMA; we look out for one another and care for each other, just as our vision tells us.

It is such a shame that I end my Headship during Covid times; where I am unable to hold our weekly 'Celebration Assembly' (my favourite time of the week!) and hear about the amazing achievements, successes and news that the children are always so keen to share. It is also a shame that I am unable to invite you to school and to church to share in the special end of term events too. Instead, I will visit each class (socially distanced) before we break up for the summer holidays, and I will be at my usual gate waving goodbye to our parents and carers, many of whom I have now known for years!

I must end my letter quite simply by saying a huge 'thank you' to all of the SMA family. It has been a joy to lead the school, to teach and to work with you all. Thank you, sincerely, for your unfailing support over the years; the job of leading SMA was made all the more successful due to our amazing pupils, dedicated and hardworking staff, supportive parents and carers and a governing body who devote their own time to ensure that every single decision made is done so with the pupils' best interests in mind.

I wish SMA continued success and joy. I will pray for you and follow with great interest as you move onto the next chapter in our SMA history book!

With much love to you all,

*Lesley Hughes*

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Seriously, the luckiest Headteacher ever!



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