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Staffing Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Hadley (Deputy Headteacher and Class 3 Teacher) will be leaving her post at the end of the academic year.

Mrs Hadley has been a valued member of the Stanbury community for a significant period of time, with her service approaching 20 years. She began her career at Stanbury completing her teacher training, before progressing through a number of roles including class teacher, assistant head, and most recently deputy headteacher. Throughout this time, she has made an exceptional contribution to the school and has been a truly incredible asset to both staff and pupils alike. She will be greatly missed by us all.

Even during my relatively short time at Stanbury, Mrs Hadley has been a great support to me. One of the main qualities that has shone through in my time working with her is her unwavering commitment to, and passion for, the school and its community.

Mrs Hadley is committed to ensuring that Stanbury continues to go from strength to strength. She has kindly given us ample time to begin the process of appointing a successor, with the aim of having a new member of staff in place for September. We wanted to inform parents and carers at this stage as her role will be advertised this week, ensuring we are able to appoint the best possible candidate for the post.

Please see a personal letter below from Mrs Hadley, who was keen to share with our families some very thoughtful and meaningful words.

We will share further details in the summer term regarding how we will mark Mrs Hadley's departure. This will be an opportunity for our school community to thank her for everything she has done and to wish her all the very best for the future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr A Robinson
Headteacher



Letter from Mrs Hadley

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to you personally to share some important news. After more than 18 truly special years at our school, I have made the very difficult decision to step down from my role as Deputy Head and Class 3 teacher at the end of this school year.

This has not been an easy decision. This school has been such a huge part of my life for so long, and in many ways, it feels like home. I feel incredibly lucky to have spent these years surrounded by such wonderful children, supportive families, and dedicated colleagues who have meant so much to me.

The children, as always, have been at the heart of everything. It has been an absolute privilege to watch them grow—not just academically, but in confidence, kindness, and character. From those first nervous days to the moments when they truly shine, I feel so grateful to have been part of their journeys. They have brought so much joy, laughter, and inspiration into my life. After all, not every job lets you be a wizard one day and a palaeontologist the next—and those magical, imaginative moments are ones I will treasure forever.

Saying goodbye to the children and to you, the families who make up this community, is by far the hardest part. Over the years, I have come to know so many of you, and I will always value the trust and support you have shown me. This school is more than a place of work—it is a community filled with warmth, friendship, and memories that I will carry with me always.

While I leave with a heavy heart, I am also looking ahead to an exciting new career and the opportunities it will bring. Even so, I will always feel deeply proud to have been part of Stanbury and everything it stands for.

I would like to make it clear how incredibly supportive Mr Robinson has been during his time at Stanbury. He has played a significant role in developing me as a senior leader, offering both guidance and encouragement throughout. As a team, we have already achieved so much in improving the school, and I am truly grateful for the impact he has had. I cannot thank him enough for the support, mentorship, and confidence he has shown in me while helping me grow in my role.

Thank you, truly, for your kindness over the years and for allowing me to be part of your children's lives. It has been a privilege I will never take for granted.

Once you are part of this school, you are always part of it—and I know I will always look back on my time here with great affection and gratitude. A small piece of my heart will always remain here.

I wish you and your children every happiness and success in the future, and I hope that our paths may cross again someday.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs L Hadley
Deputy Headteacher

