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Dear Parents and Carers,

As some of you may know, Mrs Jones (Vic) will be leaving us at the end of next week. Over the past three years, it is hard to do justice to the enormous contribution she has made to the life of our school. She has been a much-loved and highly valued member of staff, and we will miss her greatly.

Vic has written the message below to share with our school community.

Kind regards,
Mr Smith

To all our wonderful Bishopstone parents,

It is with the heaviest but most full heart that I tell you that in the summer, I made the incredibly difficult decision to step away from my treasured role as KS1's Teaching Assistant and give my notice.

It has truly been the most special job (not that it has ever felt like a job!) spending the last 3 years supporting your incredible children in our uniquely nurturing school.

I can honestly say - I don't think I have had a single day where I haven't gone home feeling extraordinarily lucky to work in such a special place, assisting the most exceptional and dedicated teachers and getting to support (and play with!) the most remarkably wonderful children.

I promise you - that every one has left a massive mark on my heart.

Please don't think this is a goodbye! I couldn't possibly keep away! I have told Mr Smith that I will always be happy to be asked for any extra help if needed. Of course I will hopefully see you all in our fabulous village (and pub) and please keep in touch with me if you ever need any help at FOBS events - always happy to set up an ice cream stand or get your children unapologetically messy with arts and crafts!!!

As a previous Bishopstone Parent I also want to thank you for being the most supportive bunch and welcoming all us Joneses so kindly into your Community - almost 6 years ago. You're all fabulous and your children are definitely testament to that.

Next week is my last official week! Apologies to those of you that were unaware - as you can imagine there has been lots going on in School since the beginning of term - and I no longer get to catch up with you at the school gate. It has been so important for me to welcome all the children back and especially support all the little ones settling into beloved Acorn Class - I am so proud of every one of them. They already have formed into a wonderful team that the next lucky TA will be so fortunate to work with.

I will keep in touch. Try and keep me away.

Much love to you all

Vic (Mrs Jones)