



Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

I can't quite believe it is my last week at Germander Park School after 6 and a half years. It is with deep regret that I can't say goodbye properly to the amazing children, staff and families of Germander Park School, but I will be thinking of you all.

I do hope that many of you will be able to join me at my Zoom assemblies on Friday 29th January. Please look out for the link sent by ParentPay to enable you to join.

Running a school during a worldwide pandemic has been challenging to say the least as we strive to keep up to date with the ever-changing schools' guidance. I am truly thankful that I have been blessed with such a wonderful staff team who have risen to the many challenges thrown their way.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the way you have supported the school. Most recently, I have been delighted to see the work children have been completing for home learning and I realise this is only achieved by the determined effort you are putting into working with your child at home to ensure they do not fall behind. Remember, if you have any issues please use the class emails and the teachers will respond as soon as possible.

I would also like to thank the governing board of Germander Park School for the way they have supported me during my headship and I know that they will continue to make wise decisions on behalf of the school. I also know that you will all welcome Mrs Mathews next week as interim Headteacher.

I will be spending the next two weeks in the UK packing up my house and it is really hard to say goodbye to my daughters, wider family and friends without being able to meet up with them in person. All things being equal, I should be flying out to the Falkland Islands on the 15th February and will immediately begin 2 weeks quarantine on arrival before I am allowed to meet the new school community I will lead.

I have arranged to stay in contact with Germander Park as the children are already asking me about everything to do with penguins and I am delighted to be able to keep in touch from the other side of the world!

Wishing you and your families all the best for now and the future.

Warm regards

**Verity Stobart
Headteacher**

