



SOUTH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Building Character, Learning Together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with sadness that I have to inform you that, for personal and family reasons, Miss Wren will be stepping down from her role as Co-Headteacher of South Hill School. She will be leaving at the end of this half term and moving on to a new career and new challenges.

Miss Wren joined South Hill in 2013 and during her time with us she has always had a marvellous relationship with our pupils and they, in turn, have had great affection for her. She leaves with our very best wishes for the future, tinged with sadness in losing a much valued teacher and colleague.

Miss Wren has written:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have written a number of letters home to parents over time but this is without doubt the most difficult of them all. It is with great sadness that I have to inform you I will be leaving South Hill at the end of this half term.

After nearly ten delightful years at South Hill, I have decided to accept a new position at a secondary school. This challenge will allow me to continue to grow professionally whilst allowing me more flexibility and time to spend with my growing family.

It has been such an honour seeing hundreds of children develop and flourish as confident, successful young people and a great privilege to get to know each and every one of them and of course their families too. I wish them all the best in their futures.

I have learnt an enormous amount during my time here and am very proud in my part in making South Hill the thriving school it is today. A wise headteacher once told me that the school never belongs to us, we are just the custodians, and our duty is to hand it to the following custodian in better shape than when it was given to us. I hand this over to Miss Wellbelove solely to continue South Hill's amazing journey.

I have so many things to be grateful for, not many headteachers have the experience of having an entire teaching staff team that they love working with. They all work extremely hard to give the best they can to our pupils. So many hours of love and care go into their work here at South Hill.

To all of the South Hill parents I cannot thank you enough, you have made the experience at South Hill a joy. Please continue to engage and voice your opinions to further improve the school, your feedback has always been so valued.

Although I am sad to be leaving I am also very excited about the future, and my next chapter. I wish the South Hill family all the best, I will miss you all.

Best wishes,

Miss Wren

As Miss Wren has said above I am delighted to tell you that the Governors have asked Miss Wellbelove to become our Headteacher full time and that she has accepted. I know that you will join me in congratulating Miss Wellbelove on her new appointment and wish her every success in the leadership of our school.

Please feel free to discuss this with your children; I will be talking to them all about it during the school assembly on Monday morning, 6th February.

Take care and best wishes,

Hans Peters
Chair of Governors