



Outwoods Primary School

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24th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

School closes today for the half term break, tomorrow (Friday October 25th) is a teacher training day so open for staff only. Children return to school on Monday November 4th.

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of half term, and the time has flown since I made the decision to retire in the autumn. I have had a very long and happy career starting in the mid-eighties as a class teacher in Birmingham and moving through five schools until I came to Outwoods ten years ago. It was a wonderfully exciting opportunity to create a new all-through primary school from two existing successful schools. Together we chose the name 'Outwoods', the uniform, the logo and almost all of the staff we have now. We had new classrooms built, and refurbished other areas. It has been a long journey, although now that I look back it has whizzed past! I can't say I have loved every single minute, as you can imagine being a head teacher is sometimes tough, but I have loved every child and taken every family and the community to my heart. Outwoods school is a wonderful school, of all the schools I have worked at over the 32+ years, it is the one that is the most special to me and today will be a very emotional day.

I would just like to say a huge thank you to you, all the parents, carers, grandparents, families and friends of Outwoods for all of your support over the years and for sending your children to this lovely school. Also, for all the lovely wishes, pictures, cards and gifts and most of all for the time people have spent to pop in or catch me on the playground and say hello and wish me 'all the best'. I am looking forward to retiring, and the plan is to have no plans, as I started school in 1967 and haven't ever left or had a very long break! I am looking forward to travelling and spending time with my family.

Finally, I wish you all the best. The school is left in a good position and in very capable hands with Mrs Taylor. The teachers at Outwoods are brilliant, they all go above and beyond what is expected to provide the very best for your children and when I walk around the classes I am satisfied that every child is nurtured and cared for.

Take care of your children and help them to be brilliant, happy and follow their dreams.

Kind regards,

Beverley Dandy

Head teacher (soon to be retired)