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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with a very saddened heart that I am writing to inform you that I will be leaving the school at the end of this academic year to take early retirement. I have written many letters home to parents, but this is without doubt the most difficult of them all.

I joined the school as a class teacher in January 1991 and since that time I have experienced so many highlights and my heart is full of very special memories; Hawthorn has worked its way into my DNA and I leave with a heavy heart. As you are aware, this year I have had a series of prolonged absences from school, initially when I was recovering from knee replacement surgery and now due to a further bout of ill health, which has prevented me from being in school this week and means that I will be absent from school for the next three weeks. Having devoted the last 30 years to the school, I feel that I should now focus on my health, spend some quality time with my family and hopefully visit some of the places I have always dreamed of.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as headteacher at Hawthorn. It has been a privilege to lead such a wonderful school and I am incredibly proud of my time here and consider myself very fortunate and privileged to have worked with some amazing students and talented staff and governors. I can say with complete honesty that Hawthorn children are something very special.

There are not many Headteachers who have the experience of having a staff that they love working with. All members of the Hawthorn team work extremely hard to give the best they can to our pupils. They make it a joy to come into work each day and I will miss this extended family. I would also like to say a special 'thank you' to you as parents for your wonderful support, over many years, which has meant a lot to me.

There are a great many people who will steer the school community through the next phase of its journey and I have the utmost confidence that the school will continue to thrive. The Governors have begun the process of recruiting a new Headteacher for next year and I am sure that information on this appointment will be shared with you when it is available.

I hope to be back in school before the end of term 5 and am looking forward to getting back to 'business as usual' and having an exciting and enjoyable final term at the school.

Hawthorn will always have a huge place in my heart and I wish everyone connected with the school every success for the future.

Yours sincerely

Julie Clubley

Headteacher

