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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I come to the end of eight wonderful years at South Otterington, I would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous 'Thank you!'. I am extremely grateful for all of the support from our wonderful children, staff, governors, parents, extended family and of course members of the church and community. It was lovely to see so many people at the celebration assembly on Friday and I have been truly overwhelmed by the outpouring of emotion as I have received so many thoughtful gifts. My "treasure chest" looks stunning in my house and I truly do have many special memories to cherish.

It has been a genuine pleasure to serve you as Headteacher at South Otterington Church of England Primary School. We have shared so many achievements and have so much to be proud of. Whilst the highlights for me are, of course, the external validations in terms of our Outstanding Ofsted and SIAMS inspections, I truly value our amazing creative curriculum and have thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful performances by the children. I frequently say that "Every day is a learning day" and have learnt so much from the children and team. I have also loved being part of our 'Special South Otterington Family'. Please don't ever take our school for granted – It is a very special place.

Primary school is such a special time... I still remember some of my inspirational teachers and it was from the amazing Mrs Howells that I adopted my mantra: Work hard; Play hard; Be happy! I have been passing that gem on to the children I have taught for almost 20 years!

This autumn, we are greeted with a period of opportunity as the school moves into a new period of leadership, potentially within the Diocesan led Dales Academies Trust. I do hope that you will all continue to support our 'Outstanding' school and I am sure that it will continue to grow and flourish.

Thank you again for a fantastic eight years and for all of your kind words and presents.

I wish you all a wonderful summer and all the very best for the future.

Kindest regards,

Mrs K. Williamson,
Headteacher



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