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Dear Parents & Carers

As we near the end of another year, and prepare to wave off our Year 6 children, we also have to say goodbye to some of the New Valley adults.

I must start by telling you how sorry we are to be saying farewell to **Mrs Harman**. Louise has been at New Valley since September 2015, when she joined us after many years at Chipstead Valley Primary School. It is hard to overstate the positive influence that she has had on so many lives in nearly a decade here. For many of your children, Mrs Harman was the adult that they first knew and connected with as they started their educational journey at four years old. Louise is the kindest, calmest, most positive presence imaginable, as many of you will know from the great affection that your children have for her. But I also need to tell you how phenomenally hard-working, unfailingly reliable, and incredibly skilled she is. Her colleagues and friends, as well as the children, are going to miss her kindness and humour very much. Knowing how much Louise loves and cares about her work, I have a feeling that she is going to miss them just as much. I know that you will want to join me in sending her much love and all our best wishes for her well-deserved retirement.

Miss Patrick joined us for the year last September, as Year 3 teacher. Working in a one-form school presents a special challenge, and Sumintra has embraced that challenge and worked really hard to give the children in her class the best possible year. It has always been clear in meetings and conversations that she knows and loves the children she teaches, and she has got a lot of love back from them. It has been a pleasure to work with such a friendly, reliable colleague, and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Mr McMurray has only been with us since January, when he joined to teach Year 6. While Tom's time here has been short, his impact has been profound. He has seen Year 6 through preparation for their SATs, enabling them to achieve really good results. His quality as a teacher is obvious from the impressive progress they have made, in their confidence and social development as well as their learning, in a short time. Tom was only ever going to be with us for two terms (despite me trying my best to persuade him to change his plans and stay) but he has quickly become a very popular and highly respected member of the team. He leaves with our best wishes.

Mrs Bellagh has been working with Year 6 through the year, and her kindness and friendliness have enabled her to build strong relationships with the children. We are very grateful to Hadjer for stepping in at the last minute this time last year, and making sure that the Year 6 children were able to make a good start to their final year at New Valley, and for supporting the work of Mr McMurray and the Y6 team for the rest of the year.



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I want to mention two other teachers who have done a great job in the last few months, stepping in for Miss Simpson and Mrs Rosewell, who both started their maternity leaves early. **Mrs Murza** (Y2) and **Mr Stein** (Y1) have both gone above and beyond what is normally expected of supply teachers to make sure that the children have had the stability and continuity they need. Thank you to both of them.

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