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Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Boyd will retire from the school at the end of the October half term. Although we are happy for Mrs Boyd, we will all be really sorry to see her go. I know she will find it difficult to leave, but after thirty three years in the profession she feels the time is right to retire early to spend some more time with her family.

It will be very strange to imagine the school without her here. Mrs Boyd has been the Deputy Head Teacher at Staindrop CE Primary for ten years. She has played a crucial part in the many successes we have had including an Outstanding Ofsted inspection, two Outstanding SIAMS inspections and two 'TES School of the Year' nominations. She has also been an integral part in supporting other schools and helped to lead Staindrop when I have been carrying out my Executive Head Teacher duties.

Mrs Boyd has also been the school's SENCO. Many families have benefitted from her wealth of knowledge and ability to support our children who have 'Special Educational Needs' so well. Alongside being the SENCO, Mrs Boyd's other love is teaching French. The children will have fond memories of the French day we held last year and the residential visit to France.

Mrs Boyd is going to spend some more time with her family and, when everything settles down, will get to enjoy her other passion of travelling. Both myself and the rest of the Staindrop team will miss her terribly but will have many fond memories of her time at the school. Mrs Boyd will leave behind some big shoes to fill, but we are very lucky to have Mrs Harland, who is Assistant Head Teacher, who will be taking over Mrs Boyd's role as Acting Deputy Head Teacher and SENCO. I have no doubt she will continue to build on all of the excellent work that Mrs Boyd has done.

I am sure I speak on behalf of all of the children, parents, staff and governors at Staindrop CE Primary School, that we would all like to thank Mrs Boyd for her hard work and dedication throughout her teaching career and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Yours sincerely,

Kind regards,

S. Whelerton

