



## Dear Parents and Children

This will be my last newsletter to you, as I will be retiring at the end of August; it seems strange to me now, but I am looking forward to seeing more of my grandchildren and the chance for my husband and I to take our first holiday in 35 years outside of school holidays. There are many things I will miss, but I know I won't miss having to scrape the ice off my car at 5.45 am on a winter's morning!

It's 10 years now since I came to Long Crendon and I am incredibly proud to have been a part of this vibrant and supportive village community. It has been an absolute pleasure to work here, with our wonderful Long Crendon families and children. I know that you will make the new headteacher, Mrs Quinton, welcome.

The students who were in Ash Class when I began here are now adults at University and, although it seems like only yesterday that our current Ash Class arrived in school to join us in Foundation Stage, they will be leaving us on Friday to move on to secondary school.

It's not how I envisaged my career ending, but thanks to all the staff and families at Long Crendon, we have supported each other through the darkest days and I hope that the next year will be an easier one for you all. I thank you all for your generosity and support for the school over the past decade and I wish you all the very brightest of futures – I am sure that Long Crendon School will continue to be a great place to grow!

Very best wishes  
Sue Stamp

## A message from the Chair of Governors

Mrs Stamp's retirement is a happy and sad event rolled into one!

As the school's headteacher for 10 years, Mrs Stamp has assuredly led us through one of the most challenging times in schooling. There has been a tightening of funding, many changes both to the curriculum and the broader educational environment, and ever diminishing support to cope with all of that. The recent Coronavirus lockdown has been perhaps the most difficult situation the school community has ever faced.

Despite these challenges, Mrs Stamp and all of her team continue to ensure that the children in their care impress with their achievements, their keenness to learn and their polite behaviour, all within a safe and happy setting.

Mrs Stamp has worked hard to ensure that the school gets the best support that it can, through behind-the-scenes networking, lobbying and petitioning of anyone and everyone who might be able to help. She has also built an extremely strong team full of people who are truly skilled in their roles and passionate about the job of growing the children who come to Long Crendon School.

I know that Mrs Stamp will have left a big impression on everyone with whom she has come into contact and that the school will miss her hugely.

On behalf of the governing body and everyone associated with the school I would like to say a massive thank you for all that Mrs Stamp has done and give our best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

Tim Kidd

Chair of Governors

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### **Long Crendon School Marathon Challenge**

Thank you to the 45 participants of the Long Crendon School Marathon Challenge 2020. You have all been amazing!

You have helped to raise much needed funds (£380) to be shared between FOP Friends, P3 and Long Crendon School. Your support is very much appreciated.

We hope you enjoy your goody bags and wear your medals with pride. We are looking forward to the next challenge - but for now, keep on running!

Miss Auster, Becky Honour and Miss Brown



Thank you to Mrs Berrell and the children of Walnut Class, who took time out of their busy Forest School session yesterday, making (and drinking) blackcurrant cordial from the fruit they have been growing, to help me to plant a cherry tree.

PS - the cordial was delicious!