

3 April 2020

Dear Parent / Carers and Children,

Today should have been our last day before the Easter vacation. How things have changed.

We would have met altogether in the hall and we would have thanked everyone in our community for the hard work and care that they provide on a daily basis. We would have also said sad farewells and offered prayers to staff who are moving on at this time.

I ask you today to hold in your thoughts Mrs Holt (previously Mrs Crump Stevens) who leaves us today after 17 years teaching at Selwood. Our staff and pupils will sadly miss Mrs Holt, it was lovely that members of her tutor group and some of her colleagues were able to say goodbye personally just before school closed. Mr Johnston is also retiring after teaching at Selwood for 5 years in such a wide range of roles and curriculum areas. He is also very much in our thoughts as he continues his music making in the wider community.

Thank you so much for the continued messages of support. For those of us who are still supporting education both inside school and at home they do uplift in these challenging times.

Thank you to you all for your newly found learning at home routines. Parents are of course, the very first teachers in a child's life. Please try not to worry about this and do not add to your own and your child's stress by worrying if you / they are doing enough / not doing enough . Find a routine that works for you as a family and place at the forefront mental and physical Wellbeing. We will help you with this. The website is updated regularly and watch out for some helpful guidelines for managing wellbeing coming soon.

You are all very much in our daily prayers.

Jean Hopegood

'Let your light shine before others' Matthew 5 v 16
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