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OAKINGTON C of E (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents

As you know, we have been very fortunate to have had Steve Whyatt here as Chaplain for six years and he came in to school on most Thursdays over that time. However, due to the time pressures related to his role as Director of GENR8 he recently decided he will continue to have links with school but will not be here on Thursdays. This is a copy of a letter he has asked me to share with you:

Farewell

Many of you will be aware that for the last six years I have volunteered as chaplain at Oakington Primary School. During my Thursdays it has been a privilege to meet so many of the people that make up the community of Oakington Primary School. The main focus of my time has always been the children and I hope in some small way my presence has brought benefit to them as unique individuals as well as to the wider school community.

Due to time restraints within my role as director of a local charity (GenR8) I have had to take the decision to stand down from this role and recently said goodbye to the children.

I would like to acknowledge the support of Mrs. Daggianti, as head teacher, the governors, the wider staff as well as to say a thank you to parents for so many encouraging comments during my time at Oakington. I have hugely enjoyed my chaplaincy time alongside students both at school as well as on a number of trips and residential.

I have also taken part in the well-known curriculum activity of fence jumping for a number of stray footballs! But most exciting has been the opportunity to engage with so many students on issues of friendships, life, values as well as faith. A real privilege!

Kind Regards,

S Whyatt

I would like to tell you a little bit about someone else who is new to school as Family Worker. Ben Phillips will be coming into school to run lunchtime clubs and will also be taking the main part of some of the Monday assemblies when James is unable to be here. He is parent of one of our Reception Year pupils and he and his family recently moved into the village. He, with several helpers, organized the Light Party that was held in the hall for children after school last Monday. I am sure you will meet him in the near future as he is often in the playground before or after school bringing or collecting his daughter. Children have met him several times now and were having fun enjoying the games he organized at Monday's party.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Daggianti
Headteacher