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**July 15th 2022**

And so we find ourselves at the end of term!

**Dates next week.**

18th July Uniform sale in the school hall 2.30.

19th July School Barbeque lunch for pupils

20th July Y6 leavers assembly @ 9.00am and 2.00pm

21st July Y1-Y6 pupils to wear black to school today if possible.

22nd July Picnic lunch, non-uniform, pupils may be collected at 1.30 by a parent.

**Thank You and Goodbye**

Just before I head off into the sunset with my golf clubs, I would like to say some great big thank-yous!

First of all, to all the parents of children I have taught over the last 33 years! Your support has been amazing throughout and so much appreciated.

Secondly, to all the wonderful staff I have had the pleasure of working with - what an amazing group of hard-working and dedicated people you are! I know you will continue to be so for many years to come!

And finally, to all the children I have had the pleasure of teaching - I think it is almost 1000! You have made my working days both fun and rewarding! The fact that I have been here for so long tells its own story of how much I have enjoyed teaching you. I love the fact that I am now teaching children of children in The Beaconhill family.

Beaconhill is a fantastic community and I feel privileged to have been a small part of it for so long.

Best Wishes to you all.

Mr. Robinson

**And finally…….**

During my time as the longest serving Headteacher at Beaconhill there have been many changes. Cramlington was the first partnership to re-organise to a two-tier model of education, swiftly followed by many more across Northumberland. Beaconhill was totally refurbished with a small extension to the front of the building to accommodate Years 5 and 6. The landscape of education changed across the UK as academies, trusts and free schools were established. The growing demands on headteachers to accommodate an ever-growing list of responsibilities have made our roles very different role to that of our first Headteacher, Mr Hunt, as evidenced in the school log books.

Since September 1972, Beaconhill has remained a school at the heart of the community; many of our current parents, grandparents and even some members of staff have attended our school! We are all committed to the school ethos, as demonstrated by the very low turnover of teachers and support staff. Beaconhill children thrive, as they always have done under the care and guidance of dedicated professionals.

Beach School has been an innovative and dynamic shift in our curriculum and pedagogy; one which I hope will continue as the school grows to accommodate children from the local housing expansion.

As I leave this school there have been 5 Headteachers in post:

Mr Milne Hunt September 1972 December 1986 14y 1 term

Mrs Muriel Heron January 1987 November 1992 5y

*Sue Gowans Acting Headteacher temporarily in post*

Mr Stan Jackson April 1994 July 1998 4y 1 term

Mr Peter Tincombe September 1998 April 2004 6y 2 terms

Mrs Amanda Forbes April 2004 July 2022 18y1 term

It is my very greatest hope that all we have built together over the last 50 years will continue to flourish in the future. I leave my very best wishes, and a large piece of my heart with you all.

Amanda Forbes July 2022