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'Nothing will be impossible with God' Luke 1:37

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RE: Mrs Armstrong – retirement

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is with very mixed emotion that I write to you to inform you that Mrs Armstrong will be retiring at the end of this school year, in July. Mrs Armstrong began working at Cuckney in 2000, meaning she has devoted 25 years to the education of pupils at our school. Not only is Mrs Armstrong a full-time class teacher but is also responsible for the high-quality provision for our SEND pupils, striving to achieve the very best outcomes for every pupil she comes into contact with.

Mrs Armstrong is also an integral member of our staff team. She has made so many lasting friendships with staff over the years and is much loved and respected by all. Her wealth of skills and experience is invaluable and we all appreciate her calm demeanour in a crisis! I think it's fair to say she will be missed; by staff, pupils and, I suspect, parents alike. In short, her shoes will be big ones to fill, but please be reassured that a recruitment and selection process has already begun.

Please keep an eye out for the advertising of our deputy head position beginning September 2025, and feel free to share with anyone who may be interested. We need to appoint an exceptional candidate for this challenging, yet rewarding role at our beautiful, unique school.

In summary, we wish Mrs Armstrong the happiest of retirements. I know she is planning to travel to exotic places, including Australia, and I know she will stay busy with so many hobbies to explore. I also hope we can welcome her back to us to work with our children from time to time and I know how much she loves school trips, so I do hope she is able to join us! Mrs Armstrong, we will miss you terribly but wish you all the happiness in the world as you begin your next chapter -please stay in touch as a 'friend' of the school! Thank you for all your hard work, commitment and dedication to our children. The contribution to the development of our unique school has been immeasurable!

Happy retirement!

Kindest regards

Lisa Crossland

Headteacher