

Goodbyes:



Kim Barry We said goodbye to Mrs Barry, who has supported a number of children with their learning. She has also taught class topic for us. An enthusiast with a passion for lifelong learning, she has a great sense of humour and has valued every single pupil in her care. Mrs Barry goes to teach at Hillcrest. She is sorry to be leaving but has very much enjoyed her time with us at Vinehall.



Heather Howorth Heather has retired from her station in the front office. She has been a most responsive and energetic secretary, always dashing off to take a message, and supporting the history trips - nothing is too much trouble. She has been a dedicated member of our secretarial team for nearly ten years. We wish her well for many more adventurous holidays in the future.



Jim Ingram Jim has spent 13 years at the helm of the Design and Technology department and he leaves behind an immaculate and well-resourced department. The children have been grateful for sailing club which he ran for many years as a popular Saturday club and he will be remembered for his wood turning club which brought great joy to the children and for his involvement in the annual Lake District trip. Jim moves on to set up a business as a first aid trainer and we wish him every success.



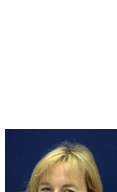
Mme Powell has been a highly organised, punctual and sociable member of our French and Latin department who can also teach a spot of Russian. She has developed a huge number of learning resources for Vinehall and we are grateful to her for her hard work and commitment. She has been an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher, very hard working and supportive. We wish her every success in the future.



Brenda Ray Brenda has been at Vinehall for nearly 12 years and during that time has been a domestic helper in the Melon Garden, playground supervisor for Pre-Prep and for many years she has supervised lunchtime service for the Pre-Prep with special responsibility for children with special diets. Brenda has also helped Libby with costumes for the Vinehall productions and the Drama department will miss her greatly. We wish her well in her retirement.



Laurence Stroud has retired from the maths department. He has enhanced the department's ICT resources hugely and leaves these as his legacy to the department. He has been at Vinehall for six years and has been highly professional and reliable, always seeing through his responsibilities and taking initiative. He has delivered a number of memorable assemblies, reinforcing the ethos of the school. We wish him and his wife Christine God Speed for their future in France.



Di Burgess Di has retired after 12 energetic years guiding many of our Reception children through their first year of 'big school'. She is known for her enthusiasm, her caring nature and team spirit. She gave a huge amount of time to Pre-Prep as a whole as well as to her class. She managed the Pre-Prep sports days and will be remembered for her competitiveness in tug-o-war competitions and for her amazing organisation. Learning should be 'fun' was always Mrs Burgess' motto! We will miss her but know that she will be able to enjoy some 'fun' with the grandchildren.

Lesley Littlejohn We said 'goodbye' to Lesley from our teaching assistant team. She ably supported our Pre-Prep children in class and at play. Lesley has been a very good listener both for children and staff. She particularly enjoyed nurturing those children who needed that little extra TLC. We wish her well for the future.



Debbie Nicholls Debbie came to us as a teaching assistant and left a fully qualified teacher. She was well liked by the children and assisted effectively in class to help the children to do their best. Debbie has moved on to take up the post of a Nursery Teacher. We wish her and her daughter Eleanor well in the future.

Mary Parker Mary has been a Year 2 class teacher at Vinehall for 19 years. During her time at Vinehall, Mary has presented some memorable assemblies, managed Rug Club, officiated at the dog show and had the responsibility of determining 1st place during our sports days. She is however remembered and envied by staff for her meticulous organisation and preparation skills. We wish her well for the future.



Clare Sanderson

Clare stepped into the Reception class at short notice and ended up staying for two years. She was well liked by the children and they thrived in her care. We will all remember her ambitious play... *Moving On*, which she produced almost single-handed and remained remarkably cool headed in the process. We wish her every success in the future.

Welcome to:



Carol O'Riordan

We welcome Miss O'Riordan, our new Gapper, who has completed her 'A' Levels at St Leonard's Mayfield and joins us for the Michaelmas term 2009.

