

WESTWOOD WITH IFORD SCHOOL



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Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to another busy term and I hope that you had a wonderful Easter.

I am writing to inform you that at the end of this academic year we will be saying goodbye to two of our longest serving and much loved members of staff and felt that it was only fitting to do so in a letter.

After 18 years as a teacher at Westwood with Iford School, Mrs Cook is now taking a very well earned rest and will be retiring in July. Mrs Cook has given a tremendous amount to our school in her time here and from my own personal experience, as well as from speaking to members of staff and the community I know how much she will be missed. Many of you will have had more than one child taught by Mrs Cook and her commitment and dedication to her job has played a vital role in the development and progress of the school and of the children she has taught. I know that you will join me in thanking Mrs Cook and wish her a wonderful and much deserved retirement with her husband, Jim. Mrs Cook will continue to teach in her current position until the end of the year and will take a key role in the induction of our new children and replacement teacher for September.

Mrs Purkiss, after 22 years of supporting our school as a volunteer and working closely with so many children as a teaching assistant will also be retiring at the end of this academic year. Having seen her own children through the school and a resident in our community, Mrs Purkiss has given so much of her time and devotion to our school, supporting individuals and groups to succeed in their learning and is another member of our staff who will be so sorely missed by myself and all members of our school community. I know that you will join me in thanking Mrs Purkiss and to wish her a much deserved and restful retirement with her husband Larry. Mrs Purkiss will also continue to work in her current position until the end of the year.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Rockey".

Ian Rockey