

Dear Parents and Carers

News from Tricia Head

I wanted you to let you know as soon as I could that I will be leaving Danesgate at the end of the Spring Term. I have been offered a post as a Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools and as I have been a headteacher for 16 years I want to use this opportunity to take my experience into a new field that will continue to benefit children and young people. I am extremely proud of the Danesgate staff and the journey we have travelled together since April 2010 when The Danesgate Community was formed. I am confident that I have built a staff team who are very able to continue with the mission and vision I have developed with them over the past 10 years. I also know that the governors have a robust recruitment plan and are hoping for a seamless transition to a new headteacher. It has been a privilege to serve the young people who have attended Danesgate since I started in 2010. I am determined that, when I leave, Danesgate will be able to continue to provide the excellent provision that you and your children deserve.

Other news

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair on 13th December. We raised a superb £800.44 for Save the Children's Fund. All the pupils and staff worked so hard running stalls and being part of the different activities and it was a superb atmosphere throughout.

I would like to wish a warm farewell to those colleagues who are leaving us this term. Jack Heath is moving into the world of Healthcare and Ella Barrie is moving to a full time position with The Island Charity. They have both been excellent colleagues and I wish them every success in future.

Thank you for all your support this term. The first day back for pupils is **Tuesday 7th January 2020**. Have a happy Christmas and a restful holiday.

Best wishes



Patricia Head
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