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For the children of Wordsworth

Dear children,

I wanted to write to you to tell you lots of things but mostly how amazing and wonderful I think you all are.

I want you to know that the reason I have come to work every day is for you (and for the many children before you, for lots of you that includes your older brothers and sisters who have now left Wordsworth.) I care about the fantastic grown-ups too of course, but you have always been my number one reason.

You have brightened my days, amazed me with your resilience, strengths, compassion and acceptance of others and always talked to me when I have asked you to.

There have been times some of you may have spoken to me because you have been having a tricky day or had a problem with a friend or your learning and I thank you for trusting me to share your worries or reflect on your actions. It is normal to have some days that are tricky, we all do. Adults have just had longer to learn how to manage these types of days. It is always better to be honest about these things and learn from your mistakes.

You have also surprised me, made me laugh, taught me new things, shown me your wonderful work and given me so many reasons to be proud of you.

Many of you have asked me why I am leaving. I have been at Wordsworth a long time and it is hard for me to leave you all but I know you will all go far and I know I am leaving you in good hands. I am leaving to be a head teacher and help some new children and families in a school which is nearer to where I live and nearer to my own children. But you will always be in my thoughts and I will be rooting for you.

I would like to leave you with a few last words...

Remember the adults in school really care about you and will always be there to listen and help you. However, you are responsible for your own actions- make them good ones! I wish you lots of luck, happiness and every success in the future. Finally and most importantly... Aim for the stars- you can be anything you want to be if you put your mind to it, but above all- be kind. 😊

Thank you for making my time at Wordsworth so special,

From Mrs Barwell (or Mrs Bagel as some of you like to call me!)

P.S. My last day is Wednesday but I am sending you this today because I think Wednesday might be a tricky day for me.

