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BISHOPSHALT SCHOOL

"Above all else a place for learning"

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Dear Parents & Carers

As you are aware from my previous letter of December 2018, where I informed you that I intended to retire at Christmas. The decision to do that came before the Governors had undertaken the process to find my successor, which I am pleased to say was very successful. Whilst discussing my departure with Mr McGillicuddy, the new Headteacher, he explained to me that he was very keen to make the earliest possible start at our wonderful school. I wrote to you again earlier this month to advise you that I have agreed to enable that to happen and consequently I shall be leaving the school this term and Mr McGillicuddy will be starting in September.

It has been a tradition of outgoing Headteachers to invite parents to contribute to a charity for which they are raising funds. I have signed up for 'Le Cure':

<https://lecure.org/>, a charity cycle ride in the Alps this summer which contributes all funds raised to the **Royal Marsden Cancer (RMC) Charity**. Cancer research is a cause close to my heart and I am committed to raising as much as possible. To be absolutely clear, all sponsorship money raised goes to the charity; all riders have funded their own travel arrangements.

I would appreciate if you could consider helping me to raise funds for the RMC Charity which is a world leading centre of research. This is the link to the charity <https://www.royalmarsden.org/about-us> if you would like to see where any contribution you could make would go. If you can, I would be extremely grateful if you contribute to this amazing charity on my Race Nation page at:

<https://race-nation.com/sponsor/e/266711/>

I would also like to thank you all for the very kind comments that many of you have sent to me and I shall repeat the comments that I made in response to one parent:

'It has been an honour to have the opportunity to try to help children throughout my career and I consider myself lucky to have had a job that has been endlessly interesting and rewarding. There can't be anything more important than looking after our children and I am very conscious that people such as you have had faith in me and my school to do that - I am moved that you believe we have done our best. Thank you for your good wishes, I am looking forward to a rest.'

It has been a pleasure to be the Headteacher of Bishopshalt School and I wish you and your children every success in the future,

Yours sincerely

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