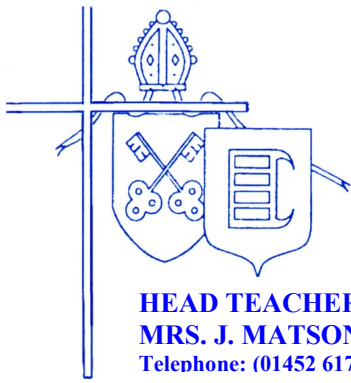




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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to what I know will be a busy term in the lead up to Christmas. I thought I would take this moment to write and share with you some personal news.

After a great deal of thought and reflection, I have decided to step down from my role as Headteacher at the end of the Spring term, as I plan to take early retirement and relocate with my husband to be closer to family. This has not been an easy decision, as Barnwood has been such a big part of my life for the past twenty one years.

The Governors have been informed of my decision and are already in liaison with the Local Authority and Gloucester Diocese as they now look to recruit a new headteacher. I am committed to supporting a smooth transition over the coming months, and I will do everything I can to ensure the school continues to move forward with strength and stability.

Thank you for your trust, support and friendship. It has been the greatest honour to serve as Headteacher, and I will leave at Easter with a full heart and immense pride in all we have achieved together for the school and most importantly, the children in our care.

With best wishes,

Julia Matson
Headteacher

