

10th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to let you know that our much-loved Vice Principal, Mrs Michelle Wood, has had to make the hard decision to leave Marsden Junior School, after taking ill-health retirement.

Mrs Wood's dedication to the children, families and community of Marsden is nothing short of legendary over her almost two decades working at our school. This has been clear to see in the flood of well wishes that she has received over the last year from both current and former pupils, their families and the wider Marsden family, and, as I'm sure you'll be aware, she is incredibly thankful for this support.

Mrs. Wood's legacy and imprint is everywhere across the school and she continues to be held in the upmost regard by both the children and staff that she has worked with. Her passion for education is clear to see, as is her love of the Marsden community. During her time here, she passionately promoted and inspired a love of learning across the school, championing the children and wanting nothing but the best for them. Her competitive nature was infectious not only during sporting events, but in her ability to instil a desire in all children and staff to succeed. Mrs Wood epitomised the essence of what a leader in school should be.

Mrs Mansell wrote that Mrs Wood was the 'heartbeat' of Marsden Junior School, which is an amazing legacy to have. We are all sending a huge thank you to her for her outstanding commitment to our school and we are sure you will all join us in sending her lots of love and positive thoughts.

With best regards,

The Marsden team (past and present)

