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To all our wonderful children, families and staff,

This week has been great. The kids have been their usual lovely selves, despite the heat making everyone slightly lethargic, and have been thriving in and out of class. The year 6 cohort went to FAN and conducted themselves well, had an amazing time and simply can't wait to leave!

Speaking of leaving...After eight amazing years (Wow! That went quick), it's time for me to say cheerio.

I'm going to thank you all, please bear with me, I do like to talk and let's be honest, you've all just about managed to put up with me jabbering on for this long.

We've been through so much - some incredible highs, some tough moments, lots of change, plenty of laughter and yes, quite a few extra grey hairs, honestly! I've always tried to be the best version of myself. I know I haven't always got everything right and I've made mistakes along the way, but every experience has taught me something.

Over the last few months, so many of you have stopped me for a chat, sent kind messages or wished me luck. I honestly can't thank you enough. Your kindness has meant more than you probably realise.

To the children – you are the reason this school is so special. You've made me laugh every single day, kept me on my toes, inspired me, surprised me and made me incredibly proud. You've also been responsible for a fair few of the extra grey hairs I mentioned earlier! Watching you grow, achieve things you never thought possible and become kind, confident young people has been the biggest privilege of my job. I'll genuinely miss seeing your smiling faces every day.

To all of our parents and carers, thank you for trusting me and for supporting the school over the last eight years. Schools work best when everyone pulls in the same direction and I truly believe we've achieved so much together, because of the strength of this community. I'm incredibly proud of what we have built.

I've worked in schools for nearly 20 years now and it's fair to say education is facing some really challenging times. There is a lot of uncertainty, and the expectations on schools have never been greater. What I do know, without any doubt, is that the staff at Fakenham Junior School care deeply about your children. They work incredibly hard, often behind the scenes, where they constantly go above and beyond to give every child the best experience they possibly can. They deserve every bit of the respect and support they receive.

To the staff...Thank you for believing in me, supporting me, challenging me, making me laugh, telling me to slow down and standing beside me through everything. We've shared successes, setbacks, stressful days and unforgettable moments. You have made me a better leader but more importantly, you've made me a better person. I'll miss working with you.

As for me...I'm excited about what's next but I'll also be sad to leave. Fakenham Junior School has been such a huge part of my life and it always will be.

Take care, be kind and thank you again for everything,

Tom Scannell

