## ST MATTHEW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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To everyone in the St Matthew's Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for making my 20 years as Headteacher at St Matthew's RC Primary School such a memorable and happy time. This community is very special and truly lives out the Mission Statement on a daily basis:

"Welcome to our happy school, where everyone is valued and given the opportunity to "let their light shine".

With Jesus in our hearts, we encourage love and respect for all.

We strive to reach our goals, as we learn and grow, in a safe and enjoyable environment."

The support I have received from the wonderful staff team is incredible and central to the continuing growth and development of our community.

The Governing Board works tirelessly, in a voluntary capacity, to ensure St Matthew's maintains high standards in all ways for the good of the school community.

We value the wonderful support we receive from our families and we will always rise to the challenges to ensure our children can "let their light shine".

I look forward to retirement and planning the next phase of my life and I will never forget this wonderful community. I have made lifelong friendships and shared great times with colleagues and children.

The generosity of our community can be tangibly seen in the outdoor classroom opened this week. The fundraising efforts were amazing – "Be Kind, Be Humble" is a lovely tribute and I am honoured that this project bears my family name.

Please continue to look after each other and I know Mrs Alderson is thrilled to become the Headteacher of this wonderful school. St Matthew's is a blessed place and I count my blessings that I have been part of this community.

I send all my love and ask God to bless you all.

Yours sincerely

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Martin Humble Headteacher

A farewell blessing by Norman Shanks (A Book of Blessings – Ruth Burgess)

As we part, my friend, may the love of God keep you safe in all your journeying; May the risen Christ guide your feet in the way of justice, joy and hope; May the Spirit encourage and accompany you wherever you go — until we meet again



