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Dear Parents / Carers,

Please join me in extending best wishes to Mrs Gill Tooley, who is retiring from Avalon at the end of this academic year.

Mrs Tooley has been a valued member of the school for over 9 years, and she will be greatly missed by children, parents and colleagues alike.

On behalf of the Governors, staff, parents and pupils at Avalon, past and present, we would like to thank Mrs Tooley for her dedicated service to the school and for supporting so many children. She has given many children at Avalon high quality, personal teaching sessions to help them progress more steadily and to enjoy their learning experiences to the full. As a staff team, we have always been appreciative of Mrs Tooley's vast experience and knowledge within the specialist areas that she has supported, particularly for her expertise and knowledge of supporting children with dyslexia. We wish her all the best for her retirement and her exciting plans, including spending precious time with her grandchildren.

From September, Avalon school will be engaging in the services of Mrs Rosemary Bryan for specialist dyslexia support. Rosie, is an AMBDA qualified and practising level 7 specialist SPLD Dyslexia Teacher and Assessor with a current Assessor's Practising Certificate. Trained as a teacher, Rosie has experience teaching across a range of key stages and ages, in supporting learners with special educational needs and disabilities, including dyslexia and autism. She has expertise in carrying out diagnostic assessments and helping schools to identify the needs of individuals through learner profiles, including testing for examination access arrangements and making the appropriate recommendations or referrals to other agencies, where appropriate.

We also say a short 'au revoir' in school to Mrs Mollard, working as Admin and Finance assistant in the school office, as she is soon to commence her maternity leave. We wish Mrs Mollard and her family all our best wishes and look forward to seeing them, with their new addition, very soon.

In the meantime, whilst Mrs Mollard takes her maternity leave, Mrs Julie Kophamel, will temporarily be covering the Administrative assistant role in the school office. Julie has had years of experience, working in a busy school office in a previous role at Brackenwood infants' school. We welcome Julie on board with us in September and hope that she will enjoy her time with us at Avalon.

We hope that all our children and families enjoy a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back in September for the new academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Callaway
Headteacher