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Dear Parents, Carers, Grandparents and wider families of Durham Lane Primary School,

Thank you so very much for your extremely kind wishes on my retirement. I was completely overwhelmed by the plethora of cards, messages of appreciation and gifts which I received in the summer and again in September. I will treasure the beautiful book which Mrs. Evans put together containing the emails from you. Your words of appreciation were humbling, as was the staggering £305 of Garden Centre vouchers which you gifted to me. I shall think long and hard about what to spend it on and will let you know what I buy, probably next spring.

I've made a good start to retirement with a week in sunny Alnmouth as well as starting a Stained Glass course and an exercise class!

Whatever new adventures my life takes me (and Nigel!) on, I will always remember my sixteen years at Durham Lane Primary School with huge affection and a great deal of pride and satisfaction on a job well done. Thank you all, once again, for your incredible support of everyone at Durham Lane and for the huge swell of warmth and affection which I left with. Very best wishes for the future.

Jacky Ball

Many thanks,

Jacky