

Charleston School News

Dear Residents,

As I sit down to write this, my final article for the Cove Chronicle, I am reflecting on the many wonderful times I have had the privilege of enjoying as headteacher of Charleston School.



Almost half of my teaching career has been spent here in Cove; 15 very happy years in which I have worked in partnership with many professionals and families in this special community. I want to thank everyone, colleagues, families and members of the the community, past and

present, for the tremendous support you have shown and for the many positive contributions which, over the years have allowed our school family to take root and blossom among you. Charleston will always hold a special place in my heart and I take with me many treasured and happy memories of our engagement with the community of Cove. There are of course too many to mention here but they include:

The school's opening day when we welcomed the very first families and community partners through the door

The annual election of the Charleston Gala Princess and the many gala days (especially the dry ones!)

December celebrations and entertainment at the Cove Christmas Concerts

Local Clean Ups and Bulb Planting

Class visits to the library and the Summer Reading Challenge

Curriculum and pastoral support from Cove Church

Weekly cross country runs around the area and the inter-school competitions at Catto Park

John Ingram winning crossing patroller of the year

Entertaining the senior citizens at the Thursday Club

Our annual Burns Suppers

Burying our time capsule in the year 2000 (who is going to retrieve it and when?!) Sports days at Catto Park and visits to the harbour

Harvesting the wonderful vegetables from our raised bed in the allotment

I feel honoured to have had the opportunity to be the headteacher at Charleston School in Cove since its opening day. With your continued support, I am confident that the community will continue to grow and flourish in the years ahead and I look forward to hearing about the many successes yet to come.

My very best wishes for health and happiness go out to each and every one if you as I take my leave and head off to fresh challenges on the shores of the River Clyde.



I hope you all have a lovely summer – fingers crossed for sunshine!

Barbara Gray