



Farewell Miss Jenkinson

This week, we say a very sad but fond farewell to Miss Jenkinson who, after twenty years as a teacher and nine years of weaving magic at Kingham, is moving on to pastures new!



Dear Miss J:

Everybody remembers 'that' special teacher and for many of our pupils, and colleagues, Emma Jenkinson is just that.

After twenty years of teaching, we are sadly saying goodbye to Miss Jenkinson this week and the loss to the school will be felt by everyone, not just the pupils in her reception class. Miss Jenkinson has the wonderful gift of making every child feel special, whether it be by championing their individuality, taking the time to get to know their families or by simply remembering every child's birthday and tracking them down with her never-ending supply of birthday stickers!

As well as taking starring roles in many school events, such as Sports Day, the Nativity and Kingham's Got Talent, Miss Jenkinson also does many things behind the scenes that keep the school running smoothly - who will wash and dry the tea towels every week and buy fresh vegetables for Rhubarb the guinea pig?

We know that with her superb organisational skills and love of a to-do list Miss Jenkinson will excel in whichever career path she now chooses to take, but we will miss her very much and are grateful for everything that she has done for our school.

Ellen Warburton

Emma, you have been an absolute joy to work with. I knew you first as a parent and can't praise you enough for your support, incredible dedication to my children's learning and for being a teacher my children will never forget.

Since I worked with you, we have become friends as well as colleagues and I have enjoyed getting to know you immensely. I have enjoyed laughing with you about the funny things you never think you'll have to say to someone and have even enjoyed being part of your various 'committees'!

Emma, I'll miss you and your stories at work but am sure we'll be friends for years to come

Good luck and enjoy a break! *Harriet Gallimore*

Miss Jenkinson, Miss J, Jenko and Emma. I was so lucky to share an office (plus copious amounts of Dairy Milk!) with you and witness the true genius at work. You are the best and give 100% to everything that you do. It was a privilege to work with someone who is so clearly talented, thoughtful and kind. I am particularly lucky to have observed the quantity of melted chocolate consumed by you to reach the 'too much' level. **May the next step on your adventure be as exciting and fulfilling as you deserve.** *Helen Hare*

Miss Jenkinson, what will we do without her?

She is kind and caring to adults (she will always sort out your problems before she deals with her own and always checks on our wellbeing), children (they love her cuddles and silly songs) and our school pets (the first time I took the guinea pigs home she followed me all the way to the car with instructions on what to do with them, just in case I was unsure!). I will miss her singing at every occasion, her love of dressing up (onesies and all!), Christmas jumpers, our shared love of organisation and early years provision and her homemade chocolate fudge. Most of all we will miss her presence in our school because when you think of Kingham Primary School you think of Miss Jenkinson. It won't be the same without you! *Natasha Clarke*

We've been fortunate as a school community to have a team of teachers and staff who live our values day in, day out. Emma has played a pivotal role building the team and keeping everyone filled with enthusiasm - her warmth and compassion makes all of us, be that a parent, staff member or governor, proud to be part of this school. We wish Emma all the very best for her future endeavours *Chris Davies, Chair of Governors*

Emma Jenkinson- a true gem and asset to any school lucky enough to have her - I wish her all the very best! *Enneke Davies*

I vividly remember a particular moment when my deputy, the governors and I were interviewing Emma for the teaching post at Kingham, I stole a glance at the expression on their faces. As Emma spoke of her teaching experience, her love of (and dedication to) educating our children, her creative vision and especially her passion for *chocolate*, their broad smiles and laughter said it all.

You know, when there is an electric feeling in the interview room that you have found someone special, and she is quite possibly a perfect fit for the role... Well our instincts served us correctly; Emma didn't disappoint.

That summer holiday, ahead of the autumn term, Emma spent most of it preparing her Y1 classroom for the new term, turning those four walls into a haven of child-centred creativity. Within a couple of weeks, she had planned her theme-based curriculum, labelled the books and started learning the names of the children from their class photos so that she'd know them all by name on day 1!

I got used to seeing enthusiastic facial expressions but this time on the faces of the Y1s in her care... Emma's passion and her gift to inspire children to learn and find from within themselves the ability to be the best they can be, is a special quality that as her Headteacher I was privileged to be able to facilitate.

A few months on, I asked Emma if she would consider moving into the Reception class and teach the new cohort the following September. Emma looked at me in complete disbelief but, flattered to have been considered for the role, asked if she could have some time to process my suggestion overnight. Knowing she would be more than capable I went to bed with everything crossed hoping that she'd realise my belief in her and say yes. The following day, having decided to accept the Reception class teacher challenge, she had already outlined plans for the autumn term topic, the visits and how she would organise the classroom!

Aside from her exceptional teaching qualities Emma is much more. She is a kind, generous, loyal, funny, jigsaw-genius, cat-loving daughter, sister, auntie and friend. I wish her the very best of luck in the next chapter of her life, as no one deserves it more.

Janet Kempton (former Headteacher)

dresser-upper; chocolate eater; quiz setter; detail spotter; plain speaker; laugh maker; hug giver; loved teacher; great colleague; **valued friend.**

Eve West

When I joined Kingham, Miss J was already a huge part of the Kingham teaching team, leading a fantastic Early Years and Key Stage One department. Throughout the years, she has not only been a dear friend, but **a nurturing and supportive colleague**, from my time in Year 2 and learning the ropes of the nativity; to caving, surfing and keeping everyone in one piece at Kilvrough (including me!) with the Year 6 leavers. There is nothing that Miss Jenkinson won't do to give Kingham children (and there have been hundreds!) every opportunity to succeed, thrive and grow into confident, young learners. From her ever-growing Christmas jumper collection to her infamous onesies, always being there for a chat no matter what, and love of all things chocolate, Miss J leaves behind a huge jigsaw-shaped hole. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Miss J the very best with her next adventure!

Jess Ralf

Miss J is such a kind, funny, caring, amazing teacher, and I don't know what the school will do without her. She helped me so much.

Alex Cuthbert

Thank you for everything you have done for Andrew. Wishing you all the very best in the future. All our love,

Andrew and Miranda

What on earth are we going to do without you Miss Jenkinson?

You have been a beacon of kindness for the school and a tower of strength for me and the Kingham team. We will miss you dearly. We will miss your can-do attitude, your sense of humour, your knowledge and experience and most of all your onesies! Thank you and best of luck.

Nicholas Prockter

Merry Christmas

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas holiday and a very happy new year.

We will see you back here, recharged, on Tuesday 9th January.

Interhouse Kurling Results

Well done to all our kurling participants who played on Monday and Tuesday and congratulations to Stag House for taking first place.

Results:

1 st	Stags	530 points
2 nd	Robins	520 points
3 rd	Owls	470 points



House of the Term

SCOREBOARD	
Owls	11,911
Stags	11,575
Robins	10,151
Otters	9,989
TOTAL POINTS	43,626

Value of the Month - Responsibility

Responsibility is:
being fair,
doing my share of the work,
taking care of myself, others and the planet

Diary Dates

Mon 8 Jan	INSET Day – school closed
Tues 9 Jan	First day back
Weds 10 Jan	Choir at Young Voices Concert
Weds 17 Jan	CPS U11s Swimming Gala
Tues 23 Jan	KPSA Meeting 3:30pm
Mon 29 Jan	Year 6 visit to the Ashmolean Museum
Weds 31 Jan	CNPS U11s Hockey
Fri 2 Feb	West Oxon Cross Country Finals
w/c 5 Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Tues 6 Feb	Year 3 Ancient Egypt Experience