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Dear Parents / Carers,

Staffing Update

We hope this letter finds you safe and well, especially following any celebrations you may have undertaken for Halloween, Diwali, or Bonfire Night, amongst others.

We were overwhelmed with the support of our Halloween disco - we raised a total of £562.35 to split between school and Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre, which was incredible. The children have already been asking if there will be another next year!

However, that is not the reason I am writing this letter now - if anything, I am trying to delay typing the news below, as it is an announcement I am very sad to be making!

After over 20 years working at Spire Junior School to support our children and families, Mrs Joanne Boulton will be moving on to explore new adventures from Friday 14th November.

Mrs Boulton has been a bedrock and a foundation at Spire for so many of us for so long, working with our families in her role as Family Support Worker, as a Teaching Assistant, completing therapies with children, supporting children for HAF activities in the holidays and even baking...or attempting to bake! I know she is going to be dearly and sadly missed.

I personally consider myself very lucky to have worked with Mrs Boulton since my arrival at Spire Junior School and for the time, care, consideration and compassion she has shown me and the rest of our staff. I will be eternally grateful.

We are currently advertising for her role and will share further updates when someone has been appointed to follow in her footsteps...though those high-heeled shoes will be very hard to fill.

I am sure you will join us all in wishing her all the best going forward.

Kind regards,

Mrs Charlotte Vernon

