

September, 2015

Dear Mrs Quinn, all staff and all children of Beresford Memorial School,

First of all I want to thank you for the most wonderful leaving present which you gave me at the Leavers' Assembly on the last day of the summer term. I can't imagine a better present than a cuddly Reverend Freddie Fisher to remind me of my many connections with Beresford. Everybody who has seen Freddie has laughed or smiled, and some have even said I look a bit like him, I cannot think what they mean!! He sits on a chair in my new office/study so I see him every day.

I have just started my new job in a large town called Northampton which is about a 2 hour journey in the car from Leek. I am working half of my time in a small church on an estate on the edge of Northampton called Kings Heath, which is a bit like Haregate, and then the other half of my work involves helping and encouraging other churches in large towns in the Diocese of Peterborough.

As a church we currently do not have many connections with the 2 schools on Kings Heath, but I am hoping to visit both of them very soon and see if I can help with leading worship or their RE lessons or in any other way.

We really like our new house and have settled in very quickly and it very much feels like home. Mrs Woods and I have been exploring new places to walk our dog Kez, who lots of you will know when you walked past the Vicarage in Novi Lane.

I hope and pray that you will have a good year at Beresford, and everyone will get used to their new classes, and I look forward to hearing about the new kitchen which is being built. The people at St. Luke's & St. Paul's Church are beginning to look for a new Vicar to take over from me, but sometimes these things take a little time to make sure they find the right person, so everyone needs to be patient and trust God while they wait.

Thank you again for allowing me to be part of Beresford Memorial School for such a long time, as the Vicar, a Governor, a parent and a friend.

May God bless you all into the future,

Reverend Roger Woods