

Holy Trinity School Christmas Church Service: 17th December 2021
Mrs Rodenas' speech for Mrs Arthur

Mrs Arthur, What can we say?! You joined us in 2018 along with your son, Owen, who joined us in Maple with Mr Brown. You have been with us over the past 3 and a half years and we knew from your first day that you would become part of our Holy Trinity family and your enthusiasm has always shone through.

You have taught across our Key Stage 2 in different year groups at different points and we know how much Mrs Baynes has valued your expertise and you working in her classes on a Monday. Your passion for writing and all things English meant that you have been the perfect teacher to lead English across our school.

I will forever be impressed at being able to walk into a classroom and hearing all children telling a story from memory by just looking at pictures and symbols. Talk For Writing will live on even when you have moved on to your new school, where I am sure you will again share your expertise.

We know that if we spoke to any of the Holy Trinity children you have taught, past and present, they would all say how much they have enjoyed being in your class. Your excitement for cross curricular working and ways to hook children into a new topic are a wonder to behold. One of my favourite memories will be you sending children to see me to show me their writing about a piece of food's journey through the digestive system. Who knew that could be so exciting or provoke such wonderful descriptive language!

As a teacher, you have always been willing to support your colleagues and give your advice in different areas. This has also extended to being able to suggest which colours could suit us best and places to 'have our colours done.' On a personal note, I will miss having you as a Mum at parties, knowing the balance between wearing the Mummy hat and the Teacher hat.

Thank you for all you have given to Holy Trinity, Mrs Arthur. We have really valued your time with us and you will all be missed. We wish you, Owen, Ellis and Gareth the best of luck on your new adventures near the sea. I am not secretly jealous about that in any way! Take care and come and visit in the true Holy Trinity way very soon.

We have a small gift as a token of our appreciation for your service to the children, school and community. Please come up and receive it.