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**Our values are: RESPECT, RESILIENCE,
TEAMWORK, KINDNESS and ASPIRATION**



Dear families,

In my last letter I broke the news of the imminent retirement of Mr Sowden. As we head towards his final weeks at our school we would like your help in ensuring he leaves us knowing how loved he is by all the school community- past and present.

As you know Mr Sowden loves to dance and we will be holding an afternoon of dance on Tuesday 19th March where we are hoping Mr Sowden will demonstrate his ballroom dancing skills and we can also introduce the children to Mr Sowden’s favourite hobby! We will be inviting the children to participate from across school and will share lots of pictures on our website blog, our Facebook and X (Twitter) feed too.

On Wednesday 20th March from 2:30- 4:30pm we are hosting an afternoon tea party in the hall where we hope you will be able to drop in, see Mr Sowden, share a cup of tea with him and enjoy sharing stories from over the years.

On Thursday 21st March our children will gather in a special assembly to mark Mr Sowden’s last day and he will be presented with his gifts, gifts and cards from the children and those from the staff and school community.

We will be collecting for Mr Sowden in school and any families who wish to contribute towards a gift of London theatre tickets and a weekend away, please pass your donation to Mr Hall and Mrs Hayes in the office. Your donations would be greatly appreciated and we will also have a card with which you can sign if you wish.

Thank you in advance for all your support,

Kate Rayner
Headteacher

