

Today we bid farewell to Judie Hadden, ASN Learning Assistant Extraordinaire! Judie and I were 2 of the original 3 staff who met in August 2015 to begin in a new provision in a school which was still being renovated and with 3 young people with hugely varying profiles. Staff and pupils operated out of one of the SfL rooms in Knox while I sat alongside Curriculum Leaders in what is now the Guidance room. We worked closely together with our Knox colleagues to develop opportunities for our pupils. We were overjoyed to move to Meadowpark in June 2016 and have continued to grow in number and achievements. Judie has accommodated all these changes in her own inimitable way and we know that she will be an asset to her new employers. Our loss is very much their gain.

We have had a delightful morning drinking tea and coffee from fine china while enjoying freshly baked cakes.



Hey... Mrs Hadden, Judie... Jude ... or... You
You've decided now to leave us... eh? So what are we to do?
Determined, hard working - for you the kids come first
But I've seen how you relax at times – my goodness what a thirst!
Boot Camp? You got pneumonia, bumps, bruises and your back
But no you wouldn't listen just had to keep on track
To push yourself even harder than many that I know
God help the NHS when you get in your flow
You'll have them jumping up and down and doing as they're told
But do they really know that you're fearless and you're bold?
The children here will miss you, and all the staff will too
Watching how you do your job in the unique way that you do:
Always research and questioning that's your nature for sure
CONSISTENCY! CONSISTENCY! – who else will hear your roar?
So all the best dear Judie, we've had a lot of laughs
And keep this thought with you – you'll stay inside our hearts.

Thank you for Everything
Charli Prime January 24th 2020