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for their contribution to the school over the years.

Balancing our sadness at losing two members of staff during the autumn term, we are pleased to welcome two new members. Our new caretaker, Mr Richard Wood, has settled into his position really well. During his training period, Norman seems to have taught Richard the skill of being able to get a job done in less time than it takes to write job down in his little red book – maybe some people are born to be caretakers?

Finally, we would like to officially

welcome our new headteacher, Miss Caroline Breslin. We waited with baited breath to find out what Goxhill Primary School's first female headteacher would be like. A few of us had notions of Miss Trunchbull from Roald Dahl's Matilda, but we're delighted to say that this couldn't be further from the truth. Caroline has a bubbly, approachable nature and she has quickly become a firm favourite with pupils and staff (she even buys buns, biscuits and cakes). She is excited at the prospect of building on our school's 'good with excellent features' Ofsted grading and has already begun new initia-

tives that will lead to higher pupil attainment. Caroline has a strong commitment to taking our pupils into the community, as well as bringing the community into school. Staff and governors can already recognise that Caroline is a strong leader who will take our school onwards and upwards. We all look forward to working with her over the coming terms.

The staff, pupils and governors of Goxhill Primary School would like to wish you all a happy Easter.

Phil Brown

Miss Breslin writes on p.25

Skip Finally Retires After 28 Years

On Monday 26th January Mrs Christine Creasey finally retired as Goxhill Guide Leader after a massive 28 years of dedicated voluntary service to young women in our village.

Christine has been an integral part of the 1st Goxhill Guide unit and over the years has helped nurture many girls and young women during their teenage years. The guides have remained committed to serving the community and helping each other. They have regularly attended local church events and supported the annual uniformed groups parade in all weathers.

They met on a weekly basis during term time and explored many different types of activity, producing inventive creative crafts and often experimented with delicious recipes. There have been regular trips away camping, to Lincolnshire Poacher, sailing on a narrow-boat and a recent trip to Switzerland to name but a few.

The point is that Christine, ably and loyally supported by her daughter Caroline, have tirelessly given of their time and energy to our families. They have offered social and educational opportunities for girls to meet and explore their abilities in safe and local surroundings. This is an important part of our village life and now, sadly, it has come to an end.

No-one could be found to take over the job as Guide leader.....

So, a gathering of local people met with the remaining guides and their families to say thank you and best wishes to Christine for a well-earned retirement and thank you to Caroline for all of her support too!

A local collection was organised and Christine was presented with a crystal hurricane candle lamp. Christine and Caroline were both presented with bouquets of flowers and the guides did a marvellous job of singing "For she's a jolly good fellow!" and tried to raise the roof of the Methodist Church Hall.

The local Telegraph came to cover the event and local photographer Eva Border also came to photograph the remaining guides, Caroline and "Skip"

Finally a BIG thank you to everyone who came to join and celebrate with the guides for one last time, everyone who contributed to the collection and of course to Caroline and Skip, best wishes from us all.