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Dear Rowan Class (2020-2021)

I was very excited when I found out that I am going to be teaching you in Rowan Class in September. I thought I would take this opportunity to write to you and tell you a little bit about myself and Year 6.

Before I became a teacher, I was a police officer for 12 years. I loved it because every day was different and it could be very exciting. I am often asked if I drove fast cars and arrested people – yes I did! There were also many other aspects of being a police officer though and it taught me lots about life, how to make decisions quickly and work as part of a team.

I love being involved with hockey and when I finished work in the police I became a full-time hockey coach. In 2015, I was awarded a national award from England Hockey to recognise my contribution to coaching, which I am very proud of. I currently play hockey for Yateley Hockey Club and, last summer, I was selected to represent the South of England Ladies Masters. I also enjoy running and ran the Bournemouth marathon in 2017 to raise money for charity (I am not sure I will ever run another one though!) I also like to go to the theatre to watch musicals and plays - some of my favourites are *Wicked* and *School of Rock*.

I have three boys who will be in Year 10, Year 8 and Year 6 in September. They also love to play hockey and play the drums, electric guitar and sing - I have a very busy and noisy house!

I especially enjoy teaching English, history and geography and I am sure you will enjoy the activities that we will complete together. In September, we will start learning about World War II and in particular looking at D-Day and Blackbushe Airfield. I am passionate about reading and I hope that you have been able to continue reading during your time away from school – it really will help with the vocabulary that you need in Year 6. I am always keen to hear book recommendations from Rowan Class and my book collection has grown steadily this year!

My top tips for over the summer are to have lots of fun, read good quality books and be fluent in all your timetables. I hope you and your families have a fantastic summer and I cannot wait to meet you all in September.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sealey