



4th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Valerie Joslin BEM

I have just returned from a very thoughtful and caring, virtual service at the playing fields for Val Joslin, as she sadly passed away in the summer from a long battle with illness.

Val was part of our Governing Body for 40 years since 1977 and Chair for most of this time, showing incredible loyalty and dedication in supporting us. Throughout my time at Tatworth, she consistently made herself available and always acted professionally with the best interests of the children at the forefront of her mind.

Val was a deeply valued member of our school community for many years and an inspiration to many, with such energy for everything she took on.

I know Val was known in the village for her commitment to many other organisations and committees too, and from my experience always managed to make the time to listen, advise and support. She was quite a legend and will continue to be remembered at Tatworth for many years to come! When she retired from the Board of Directors in 2012 we named a school house after her in recognition of her dedication.

Val was recognised for her devoted voluntary work by being awarded a British Empire Medal in 2012, which she very much deserved.

I am sure you will join me in agreeing that Val will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with her family and friends at this time.

Kindest regards.

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Headteacher

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