

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 8TH JUNE 2018

FAREWELL TO STAFF!



As we approach the end of the school year, it is with sadness that I announce the departures of Mr Thomason, Miss Rothwell and Miss Brown at the end of July. Mr Thomason having worked at the school since 2010, beginning his career as a Teaching Assistant, is moving on to the Essa Academy in Farnworth. Miss Rothwell joined us as a Teaching Assistant in 2012 to cover maternity leave and having progressed to becoming our Year 5 teacher, moves on to St Mary's C of E School in Leigh. Finally, Miss Brown, who was appointed in 2014 in her first class teacher post is moving into the Special Education sector in Bolton. I am sure you will join me in wishing them well as they take their next steps in their career.

Following a successful recruitment process to appoint three new teachers, I can confirm that the Class Teachers for 2018-19 are as follows:

Early Years : Miss Raffe

Year One: Miss McKerney

Year Two: Miss McKeever

Year Three: Mrs Wolfenden

Year Four: Miss Hopkinson

Year Five: Mrs Isherwood

Year Six: Mr Heesome

Mrs Sherriff will be providing teachers' 'Planning, Preparation and Assessment' (PPA) cover until her maternity leave begins.

Our new teachers have created 'Pen Portraits' to introduce themselves. I know you will give them a warm welcome and help them settle into staff team.

I will share with you the Support Staffing Structure for 2018-19 as soon as possible.





MISS HOPKINSON

Hello! My name is Miss Hopkinson and I am thrilled to start working at Hindley Junior and Infant School! This will be my first teaching job after graduating from Edge Hill University after working in other schools for over 10 years. I am a positive, enthusiastic and caring teacher and my classroom will be welcoming, challenging and motivational! I expect my class to work hard, persevere, help themselves (and each other) and take pride in their individuality.

My job is to ensure that you are learning and reaching your potential whilst staying safe and enjoying your precious time at Hindley J&I! Out of school it is important to me to make time to spend with my family. I also like to go to the gym, see my friends, go to concerts and read books. I particularly enjoy books that make me think or laugh! I look forward to getting to know you and your families to make sure that this upcoming year is going to be amazing for everybody! Miss Hopkinson.

MRS ISHERWOOD

I'm a Yorkshire lass who crossed the Pennines several years ago (when Leeds United were still a decent team) and liked it so much I stayed. Before teaching, I had a go at being a chartered accountant but the job was *really* boring so I decided it wasn't for me and left. I enjoyed being at home for a while and had two children, Joseph and Emily but when they started school and nursery, I returned to work in a school office. I was the person who answered the phone, counted the dinner money, typed the letters for school trips, smiled at the window – you get the idea. The problem was, when I was supposed to be in the office, I found myself making up any excuse to be in the classroom with the children and see what they were up to. That's where I wanted to be: telling stories, imagining, creating, and learning. So I became a teacher and never looked back. Here I am, 15 years later, about to begin at Hindley J and I. I've got lots of experience of teaching in upper key stage 2 (at Gilded Hollins and Lowton West) and I can't wait to start my new adventure in Year 5!



I play the guitar, the keyboard and I love singing, I enjoy reading, going to the cinema and watching musicals.

It will be a real privilege to do my very best to teach your children well and I very much look forward to meeting you all very soon! Mrs Isherwood



MR HEESOME

I am so excited to be the new Year 6 Teacher at Hindley Junior and Infant School in September. This will be my first year teaching in your school and I can't wait to get to know you all much better, especially the soon-to-be Year 6 children!

From a very young age, I knew I wanted to be a teacher. I always loved school, especially Maths, Reading and Computing. I grew up in St Helens, and as I moved through Primary School into Secondary, I grew a great love for Maths. I even have a degree in 'Mathematics and Computing'. However, my passion has always been teaching.

I completed my teacher qualification at Edge Hill University and six years ago began teaching a St Helens school. I have taught Year 6 for the last three years! I love teaching Year 6. It can get a bit tricky at times, but I enjoy making it a fun final year in primary school, filled with new adventures, discoveries and amazing memories!

In my class, everyone is cared for. I value everyone's ideas, thoughts and actions. Everyone has unique talents and strengths and I can't wait to learn about what gifts my new class will bring. I strive to achieve the very best for each child, encouraging and challenging everyone to meet their full potential and secure the best results they can, ready for secondary school.

I love to have conversations with parents throughout the year. Please always contact me with any questions or concerns. I want to partner with you in order to best support your child. Mr Heesome.