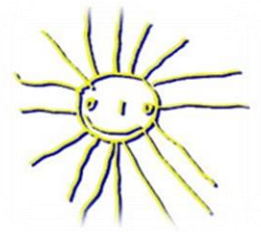


Netherton Moss Primary School

Excellence, Friendship, Respect



Monday 22nd April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, in light of Mrs Wood's upcoming early retirement, the governors of Netherton Moss have been looking for a new Headteacher.

Last week the governors, an external advisor and a representative from the local authority met to consider this appointment.

We had a group of very strong candidates who went through a very rigorous process in order to help us make this important decision.

We are pleased to be able to let you know that Mr Hird was the successful candidate and from September will be school's new Headteacher.

As you know Mr Hird is deeply committed to Netherton Moss and has deputised very capably for Mrs Wood on many occasions over the last few years. We are confident he will make an excellent Headteacher.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Wood for her long and dedicated service to the school. She has been a very steady hand at the helm for many years. As governors we have truly appreciated her calm competence in every situation and the way she has led the school to continued excellence, enthusing the pupils to learn through inspiring and enriching curriculum opportunities.

Yours sincerely

Hilary Lyall (Chair of Governors)

On the reverse of this letter is a message of introduction from Mr Hird...



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Introducing the next Headteacher of Netherton Moss...

Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great sense of excitement and delight that I write to introduce myself to you as the new Headteacher of Netherton Moss. It has been my great pleasure and pride to be part of the Netherton Moss Family for more than 30 years and so, for many of you, I require no introduction, but I recognise that my new role and the responsibilities that come with it, will be a big change for me as I take on the leadership of this amazing school.

My first experiences at Netherton Moss were in the 1990s when, as a 15-year-old, I completed my Year 11 work experience. During the intervening years, as a trainee and then a class teacher, it has been a great privilege to teach generations of children and get to know so many families. It has also been a pleasure to work with and learn from so many caring and nurturing members of staff, not least the 3 Headteachers for whom I have worked, Mr Miller, Mrs Scott and of course Mrs Wood. To know that I am to follow in the footsteps of such remarkable school leaders is truly a humbling experience.

The job of Headteacher brings with it a wide range of new challenges and opportunities, I am looking forward to working with the whole school community on the task that lies ahead. I do of course know the school, the children, staff, governors and many of you, the parents and carers really well and these close working relationships will help me as I adjust to my new role.

At Netherton Moss, the children are greatly blessed by the dedicated, talented and creative team of adults who work with them in school and place their educational needs, nurture and wellbeing at the heart of everything they do.

Every school is on a journey and for the last 14 years Mrs Wood has worked tirelessly to ensure the very best education for all of our children in a safe, welcoming and happy school. Rest assured that she and I will work closely together in what remains of the summer term to ensure that the school continues to have the highest expectations of everyone involved in its endeavours.

I am sure that you would all wish to join me in thanking Mrs Wood for her devoted leadership and wish her the happiest of times as she embarks on a very long and much deserved retirement.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming days and embarking on the next chapter in the life of this amazing school in September.

With best wishes

David Hird

