



5th April 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Thank you for your support during a very busy Spring Term. Hopefully this short period of unsettled weather will disappear and the sun will return for our Summer Term after the Easter Break.

As per usual both schools have lots planned for the Summer Term ahead and there will be lots of opportunities for you to visit the federation.

The Summer Term is often an important milestone as we prepare our children to move on to the next year group. Transition activities will also be set in place for those pupils who will be moving to new school settings as they change key stage. This is often a bittersweet moment as we are celebrating their successes but at the same time are saying goodbye. This bittersweet moment will have more resonance this year for me as I too will be spending my final term with you all here at Hamworthy.

In September my family and I are relocating to Wales. Let me first dispel the rumour that it is not driven by wanting Evan and Noah to qualify for Wales not England in rugby – that isn't true! Honest! I am returning home to be close to family and for Clare and I to continue our careers, and for our boys to complete their education, in West Wales.

I have truly loved working on your behalf and serving the families and children of Hamworthy. It is hard to believe the changes that have taken place since my arrival at Hamworthy First School & Nursery in 2008. It has been a real privilege working with you all and I still believe that my job is one of the best roles in the world. Obviously Diving Instructor in the Maldives would push it close but I am sure I would end up getting bored!

I am really proud of our community and during my time I have been incredibly lucky to lead such talented professionals. I would like to thank them all in how they have championed our vision of Every Child, Every Day, Every Possibility. I have always tried to keep our community ethos based on the simple principle of treating others in the way we would want to be treated ourselves and as you know whether you are 6, 36, or 66, we should all be treated the same. However please note for the 6 year olds and under, the scar on my face was caused by a wrestle with a crocodile... anyone older.. simple mole removal!

I am truly excited for the future of our Harbour View Federation and I feel the time is right for someone new to work with our Trust and Governing Body. So I hope you will join me and prepare for a Summer Term of real optimism and excitement. I look forward to seeing you on the gate in the mornings and please feel free to stop me going on if I start to reminisce too much!

Once again thank you for all your kindness, support and trust you have given in my leadership role and for giving me the opportunity of working with such joyous children.

Kind regards

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