

NEWSLETTER

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Reflections on my first year at Hadleigh Community Primary School.

What a year it's been! As I reflect on my first twelve months as Headteacher at Hadleigh Community Primary School, I'm genuinely grateful for the warm welcome I've received and the opportunity to be part of such a vibrant school community.

One of the highlights of this year was undoubtedly our OFSTED visit in January. It was a privilege to showcase what makes our school special, and I'm delighted that the inspectors validated our strengths and confirmed the direction of our school development plans. Their feedback has given us real clarity about where we're heading and what we're doing well, which is exactly what we needed.

Beyond the inspection, I've been thrilled to see the positive changes we've made to our behaviour policy. The introduction of recognition boards in each class has been transformative. What I love most about this approach is how it brings everyone together. Our pupils share in celebrating each other's successes and work as a team towards shared goals and rewards. It's not about individual achievement alone; it's about building a culture where we all lift each other up. The reward days have been brilliant fun - PJ days, fancy dress days, early lunches, milkshake parties and even a soak the teacher event; the children have genuinely loved them. But more importantly, these moments remind our pupils that making positive choices, putting in effort, and aiming to be their best really does pay off. That's a lesson that will serve them well far beyond the classroom.

As a staffing team we continue our own developments over the upcoming PD days with two guest speakers leading our staff CPD - on Monday 20th July we are hosting Mark Finnis, author of 'Restorative Practice' who will feed into our school development plans next year. In September we are welcoming behaviour consultant Ms Morrish who will be visiting the school at intervals across the year to help us build consistency in behaviour support across all teams in the school. Keep your eyes open in the new academic year for further newsletter updates on our work behind the scenes!

Being part of Hadleigh Community Primary School this year has been a real joy. I've been struck by the incredible opportunities our pupils have access to and the dedication of everyone who works here. From staff going the extra mile, to the support we receive from families, it's clear that we're all working towards the same goal of helping our children thrive. Starting my journey in the HCPS timeline has been special, and I'm excited about what lies ahead.

As we now head into the summer break, I hope our pupils, families, and staff take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy some well-deserved time with those important to them. It's important to switch off and come back refreshed.

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer break. We'll see you all bright and early on Thursday 3rd September, ready for an exciting new school year.

SCHOOL UNIFORM CHANGES AND REMINDERS

I wanted to take a moment to share some updates about our school uniform policy. We've recently reviewed and updated our guidance to make sure it's clear and practical for everyone.

First, I'd like to reassure you that none of our logo items are compulsory. Whilst we're incredibly proud of our school identity, we absolutely recognise that multiple branded items can become quite costly for families. We want uniform to be accessible for all.

In recent weeks, we've noticed some slipping in uniform standards, and this will be a focus as we head into September. We'll be putting small, consistent and achievable expectations in place. You may receive a friendly Seesaw message with a polite reminder or a well intended check-in if uniform isn't quite in line with our policy - this is simply to help us all stay on the same page.

The full confirmed policy will be shared with you in September after it's been approved by our governing board but here are the key updates to be aware of:

- 1) We welcome and actively encourage plain black trainers as daily school shoes, as we want our pupils to be comfortable and able to move freely.
- 2) For PE kits, we're asking for no hoodies – sweatshirts and jumpers only, please.
- 3) When it comes to everyday uniform, we'd like items to be plain, unless they're specifically HCPS branded. Please avoid logo branded items where possible.

Check the website for full information: <https://hadleighcp.school/parents/school-uniform/>

DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND

A quick reminder about our playground space: we do ask that dogs are not brought onto the playground itself. This includes being carried.

Whilst the puppies and pooches are often very good for wellbeing we have several members of our school community who need our support to keep them safe.

We've also noticed dogs being tied to the blue gates at the front of school, and we need to keep this area clear at all times.

These gates provide important access for emergency vehicles, so it's essential that they remain unobstructed.

We really appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this. It helps us keep our site safe and accessible for everyone.

If you have any questions about this, please do get in touch.

MOBILE FREE SCHOOL

We're delighted to embrace the recent guidance on social media use for under 16s. In line with **Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026** we're implementing a mobile phone-free school environment from September. This includes the expectation that phones should not be brought into school.

We recognise that some of our pupils need devices for medical reasons, and we understand that having a phone can provide security for families where children walk home independently.

If your child requires a phone in school, we're asking you to complete an exemption form. This can be done online, and our senior leadership team will contact you in September to discuss and agree expectations around phone use. Without this agreement- mobile phones should not be brought into school or used by children at any point.

Please use the link below to submit your application. We'll be in touch in September to confirm any arrangements needed.

<https://forms.office.com/e/tKRj5TgxvF>

GOODBYE YEAR 6!

As we reach the end of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to say a special goodbye to our Year 6 pupils.

You've been an absolute pleasure to work with, our school staff are often telling me stories about your journey and seeing your achievements at Hadleigh Community Primary School has been truly rewarding.

As you move on to secondary school, I want you to know how proud we are of each and every one of you. You're stepping into an exciting new chapter, and I have no doubt you'll continue to achieve great things.

Take everything you've learned here with you – your resilience, your kindness, and your curiosity – and remember that you're ready for this next adventure.

We wish you all the very best.
Go and make us proud!

