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Newsletter #01 – Spring Term

Dear Parents,

As the new Headteacher of Old Hutton Primary School, it gives me great pleasure to welcome our pupils back from their Christmas break. I feel privileged to have been appointed to lead such a wonderful school with brilliant pupils and staff. Everyone has made me feel extremely welcome and I have enjoyed my first week.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I gained my teaching degree in 2009 from the University of Cumbria. From 2009 to 2017 I taught at St Peter's RC Primary School in Scarborough and from 2013 – 2017 I was deputy Headteacher. In 2017 I was appointed Headteacher at Threlkeld Primary School in Cumbria. During my time at Threlkeld, I supported a number of schools in the north of the county with curriculum development and improving reading outcomes.

Outside of school I love spending time with my growing family. My wife and I were thrilled to welcome our daughter Francesca Hope to the world on 2nd November 2021 and despite being a month early, she is doing fantastically well. We also enjoy taking our three year old golden retriever, Ivy, out for long walks. Ivy became a firm favourite with the Threlkeld School community as she spent a lot of time in school with me. I'm really excited to bring Ivy into Old Hutton next Monday to meet the pupils.



As Headteacher at Old Hutton, my main priorities will be ensuring all the pupils are safe, happy and reaching their own potential. Families make an important contribution to their child's achievements at school and from my experience I know that a happy and successful school depends on all of us working together.

I would like to say thank you to Mr Brian Jones and all the school staff for all their hard work during the Autumn Term.

I will be outside before and after school every day, please feel free to come and introduce yourself. Also please do not hesitate to contact me via email or by telephone if you have a question or query about school.

I will be using this weekly newsletter to update you all on the amazing things we have been doing in school as well as reminding you about upcoming events.

Thank you for your support.

Nick Turley

Covid measures

I trust that you have all read the letter that went out earlier this week from the Director of Public Health within Cumbria County Council. We are constantly reviewing our risk within school based on government guidelines and advice from public health and will keep you updated should anything change. We know this can be an anxious time for parents / carers, so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Assembly

It was brilliant to lead my first assembly for the pupils on Wednesday. We read Noah's Ark together and a number of the pupils helped to act out the story.

At the end of our assembly, members of our collective worship committee picked forgiveness as our value focus for the term.

PE Kit Policy

Can I remind you that the PE kit that pupils wear in school should follow our school uniform policy. Please follow this link to access the policy.

<https://www.oldhuttonschool.org.uk/School%20Uniform%20Policy%202015.pdf>

Classroom Activities

The pupils in Class One loved reading the Snail and the Whale this week. They wrote brilliant postcards after listening to the story.

In Class Two the pupils have been learning all about the changing seasons. They have learnt about how to measure temperature, how to describe the weather and the sort of clothes we need to be wearing at this time of year.



In Class Three the pupils have worked extremely hard to produce amazing sgraffito inspired artwork. Sgraffito comes from the Italian word sgraffiare ("to scratch"), they scratched off black crayon to reveal a colourful background.

The pupils in Class Four are all working hard on preparing for the upcoming musical performances of Peter Pan. It has been brilliant hearing the songs echoing round school during rehearsal time.