



Millfield Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your children have had the chance to look through this term's Millfield Matters- I think it gives such a good flavour of how busy this term has been and what great opportunities the children have had.

This is the end of my time as headteacher at Millfield. The 11 years I've worked here have been the most rewarding of my career and I shall take away many happy memories. In that time the School has grown from being a 'failed school' in special measures, judged to be so in the few months before I started, to one that is now Good with an Outstanding early years. There is much at Millfield about which we should all feel proud. The staff are some of the most hard working and dedicated that I have ever worked with, who have a really positive impact on the children's education and progress. Some of the current staff were at the School when I started- Mrs Weller, Mrs Bidecant, Mrs Nyiri and Mrs Braddick- and to them I extend my enormous thanks and gratitude for their commitment to the children and the School. I appointed Mrs Atkin as deputy just before I started so we began our journey together in September 2011, and she and I formed the senior leadership team that led the school out of special measures, before she left a few years later to have her children...only to return! Mrs Hopkins joined us a year later to lead the Early Years, then there's Mrs Ashley, Mrs Blunt.....I could go on for a long time, especially if I include some of the great staff who've since left to go on to new and exciting things, such as Mrs Read. No one person can turn a school around; it is a team effort and whilst people come and go over time, they all play a critical role whilst they are at the School.

What makes great teachers, teaching assistants, support staff and leaders in school, is the fact that they always hold the children at the heart of what they do and the decisions they make. The children here at Millfield, your children, are wonderful 'little people'. Please be aspirational for them, be ambitious for them, believe in them and, above all, make sure they know you believe in them. Each and every one of them can go on in life to achieve great and wonderful things.

When I resigned in November I had no particular plans, other than to 'just stop' for a while and have a bit of head space along with time to spend with my family and to do the things I like to do when I'm not at work. I've since trained and qualified as a Registered Intermediary for children which I shall do on a part time basis- look it up, it's an interesting role!

I know, with Mrs Lee taking on the headship in September, supported by Mrs Atkin and Mrs Hopkins as Assistant Headteachers, and ALL the wonderful staff, Millfield will continue to go from strength to strength. I should like to wish them, your children and you all the very best for the future, whatever that may hold.

And yes, for the first time in my life, I shall be going on holiday in September - during term time!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D. M. Hannaford
Principal