

Hutton Cranswick CP School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a crisp half term, and the children certainly seem to have come back to school enthused and ready to go. This is a busy half term for us all, with a variety of events concluding in our Christmas performances and Carol Service.

The main purpose of this letter is to pass on some significant news. I am sad to say I will be leaving Hutton Cranswick in Easter 2018. This has been a very hard decision, and one that has taken a lot of soul searching. I am leaving to become the Headteacher of Wilberfoss C of E Primary. This is a school that we have supported, and it is also where I live. My oldest child Charlie is in Year 1; Ted is in FS1 and Lydia a future pupil. The school is in need of more significant help than we could offer in part, and I feel duty bound to help as I want my children to attend a fantastic school – I had already considered moving them here but it is too far! I hope you understand that reasoning.

Informing the staff here was hard to do as well – I remember my first letter to you in which I said we should ignore the Ofsted gradings of Good and Outstanding and focus on making instead a truly GREAT school. I certainly feel like we have done that. The school is now on a firm financial footing, the quality of teaching and learning is exemplary and the staff here work extremely hard to keep your children safe and happy. This school is in a place to continue to be a great school, indeed it can become even better than it already is. The unity within our staff team is excellent, and I will miss walking through the doors here more than I can say!

I would also like to pass on my thanks for your support – no headteacher can ever please everyone, this much is true. However I have always felt a great deal of support from you, and I feel we have all gathered to support the vision that we created together – Aspire, Believe, Succeed; Together We Achieve. I will be extremely sad to not see your wonderful children continue their journey through school, but I know that they are lucky to be attending a school where they are being taught a broad curriculum, they can partake in sports and the arts; where everyone has the chance to shine.

We still have a very busy term and a half to go until then, and we have even more to achieve now within that time! I am looking forward to seeing how much better we can make the school between now and then. As ever, you can call in, phone or contact me via email on khenderson@huttoncranswick.eastring.net

Yours faithfully,

Kris Henderson
Headteacher

PTO for information from the Governing Body



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governing Body of Hutton Cranswick School have accepted Mr Henderson's resignation, and are sympathetic to the reasoning behind it. We have come a long way as a school in the last four years, and we are very happy to be in such a strong position at this current time. We acknowledge the great achievements the school has made with Mr Henderson as Headteacher, with the sadness of his moving on only tempered by the great position he will leave the school in.

We will now begin meeting to formalise the recruitment process alongside the Local Authority and will consider all aspects, including appointing an Acting Headteacher from within the school to maintain consistency until we are in the best position to appoint. We will keep you informed at every step along the way – we do know that our school will be an attractive opportunity and we will be in a very strong position to appoint an excellent new headteacher.

Best wishes,

Ray Sharpe
Chair of Governors

