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through high quality teaching and learning'**

Newsletter - September 2026

Welcome Back to the New School Year

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone as we begin a new school year. I am delighted and incredibly proud to be joining the school community as your new Headteacher, and I am excited to be part of the next stage of our school's journey.

Over recent months, I have benefited from a thorough handover and induction with Mr Haynes. His support, alongside the warm welcome I have already received from staff, governors, pupils and families, has enabled me to develop a strong understanding of the school and its many strengths. As a result, I feel fully prepared and enthusiastic about leading the school into its next chapter.

By way of introduction, I have worked in education for many years, including as an experienced headteacher and senior leader, and I have always been passionate about helping every child achieve their very best. Building positive relationships with pupils, families and staff is at the heart of my approach, and I firmly believe that schools are at their strongest when they work in partnership with their communities.

As I have become more familiar with the school, it has been clear to see the many strengths that make it such a special place. I am committed to building on these successes while continuing to look for ways to improve and develop further. Where changes are needed, they will always be made with our pupils' best interests at heart and will be guided by our vision of "Improving outcomes for all our pupils through high-quality teaching and learning."

I am excited about what lies ahead and look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hunter, Headteacher at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School.

Changes during the Summer Holidays

There have been a number of changes to the school during the holidays including but not limited to:

- Completion of sports markings on both key stage playgrounds
- New Chromebooks for Year 3
- New flooring in Year 3 and new carpets in 4S & 5B

I would like to thank Mr Haynes, Mr Rycroft & Mr d'Arcy for overseeing all of these changes during the summer break to ensure we are ready for the new school year.

Changes to PE Days

To maximise learning time and ensure PE lessons are focused and productive, **children will now be expected to come to school wearing their PE kit on their designated PE days.** This change will reduce the amount of time spent getting changed during the school day, allowing lessons to start promptly and ensuring that children benefit from as much physical activity as possible. This will start from Monday 7th September. Thank you for your support with this.

Reminders for 2026/2027 – please see separate letter outlining these reminders for the coming academic year.