



Herne Bay Infant School and Seashells Nursery

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Dear families,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Nicky Brown and I am delighted to join the team at Herne Bay Infant School and Seashells Nursery as the new Headteacher. I am looking forward to meeting all your children, getting to know the staff and, when circumstances permit, getting to meet you in person.

I have spent over 20 years in education, predominately in Key Stage One and Early Years. This is my third infant headship and I have also supported another infant school in Thanet as an Executive Headteacher. As you can see, infant education is my speciality and passion. I truly believe that it is in the early years of children's education where the magic happens; in addition to further developing children's curiosity of the world around them, which starts at home before children enter formal education, children learn to read, write, manipulate number. They are excited to learn and it is our privilege to nurture this enthusiasm and give children core skills and solid foundations to be life long learners.

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my wonderful family and friends and, like all of us, it is not being able to see loved ones in person that I have found hardest in this pandemic. I love reading, eating chocolate and walking my dog. At present I am attempting the Couch to 5k but I'm still at the stage where people look alarmed as I stagger past them!

Over the next few weeks I will be sending out a questionnaire asking for your opinions about the school. This is not just an opportunity to suggest areas where you feel the school could improve but it is the chance to let me know all the great things about the school. It is often those little things that we take for granted that make a big difference, so if you feel there is something you really appreciate about the school, big or small, please let us know.

In the meantime, if you see me at the gate in the morning, please say 'hello', even wearing facemasks a friendly face is always welcome!

Take care,

Nicky Brown
Headteacher