

Eagle CP School Newsletter

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Dear School Families

Well, this is the last newsletter I will write after in region of 450 weekly round-ups since joining Eagle in 2009 when I was seconded here for just one year ... but sort of stayed put 😊. This week has been an interesting one; everything that is Christmas and end-of-term excitement, while packing up a total of 25 years of teaching and completing lots of 'lasts'.

So, this week has included various paperwork lasts, closing accounts, handing-over information, as well as my last Nativity, Christmas Service and Christmas Fair and it all feels a bit weird. Next week, will be my last School Talent Show, last School Christmas Dinner and last trip to the Panto courtesy of FOES ... oh yes it is!

But hopefully it won't be the last time I hear of the exciting things happening at Eagle. There is already lots planned for the new year and new faces will bring great ideas and much more I'm sure.

I can honestly say that as well as gaining colleagues and acquaintances, I have made friends too and as I say farewell to Team Eagle, whilst it will be tinged with sadness, there are lots of lovely memories too. So instead of the usual 'features of the week' from each class, this week it will be from me rounding up some memories of my years here at Eagle...

My knack of observing spiders knows no bounds and my phobia has been well supported by the whole team coming to my rescue. I have even emailed Mrs McCutcheon to eject the eight-legged critters from my office!

The teacher's race at sports day ... well, mark my words, this is a dangerous occupation! The trip I took to A&E after we squished a trainee teacher was an interesting afternoon!

A head teachers work is wide and varied ... the skill in drain rodding and plumbing is one I am proud to say that I now have and came with many giggles (toilet humour at its best)!

Residential have brought many a tear to my eye as children push themselves mentally and physically to achieve outside of their comfort zones ... including Mrs Johnstone making me climb the high ropes, which then led to me being rescued! I do not do heights!! Thankfully Mr Anderson has since let me stay on ground level ... phew!

When a job needs doing, I am known for getting on and getting it done, be that decorating, I.T. or lifting and shifting. Ms Egan, my Dad and I grappling the tin shed between the garage and the tree was a feat of strength ... or perhaps stupidity if you had watched us! It stood me in good stead for the new container though, with lots of willing (ish) volunteers 😊

It has to be admitted that getting stuck in has led to a few little accidents ... the irony of the first aid kit falling on my face, but also the dinner service table being dropped on my head and the I.T. server being dropped on my hand caused a few 'ouches'! Mr Watson and Mr Hartnell will not let me move computers now and Mrs Haynes provides a mean 'wet paper towel' for my various injuries.

The children are the best - I still have all the bits given and made, as well as the successes and smiles, hugs and laughter. These memories will stay forever 😊

Being a teacher through and through, my heart lies in the Early Years with my teacher partner, Mrs Ludd. Setting up Little Eagles within the Foundation Stage with an amazing team is a great legacy to leave behind ... it is here I have loved to play and learn with our little ones as they start their journey ... where will mine take me next 😊

Best wishes
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