



School Aim
To make learning irresistible

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A great big Hello to all Parents and Guardians at Pinewood,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to introduce myself as the new Head Teacher at Pinewood! Having worked at Pinewood in the past, in both Foundation and KS1, I already know how privileged I am to have been appointed as Head of such a spectacular school with a team of dedicated and inspirational staff and such amazing children! I feel gifted and very lucky indeed.

Firstly, I must salute and pay huge tribute to Mrs Chris McAdam who has worked tirelessly for over 20 years to build Pinewood into the outstanding school it is today. She has made the difficult job of headship look easy. She has provided your children with a learning environment second to none and her eye for quality has equipped your children with the best of teachers and staff across school. Please join me also in paying tribute to Kath Clark and Michele Wall. We wish them much happiness.

As I start my journey of headship at Pinewood, I give you a whole hearted promise that I will work tirelessly in supporting you and your children in providing them with the very best of starts on their educational journey.

Learning at Pinewood will continue to be '**irresistible**' and your children will continue to be motivated, inspired and challenged to achieve great things. I will ensure your children leave Pinewood with the essential skills needed to do well in Junior School along with a love of learning, a love of the outdoors, a love of books and amongst many other things, an inquisitive nature to learn about the world!

With such a wonderful team of staff, with such a committed governing body **and** with your support, together we will continue to make this school a place where children love to come and where amazing things happen. They will be safe, loved, nurtured and challenged to learn lots on the way.

We also have 2 new teachers starting in post this September. Firstly a big welcome to Miss Claire Reville, our new Deputy Head. Claire will also be the class teacher of the Tigers for 2.5/3 days a week, job sharing with Emma Kelly. I am sure Claire is going to be a fantastic addition to our team and we are looking forward to working closely together. Another big welcome to Mrs Abigail Purdie who is our new class teacher in the Jaguars. Welcome and good luck to both.

My door is always open, we pride ourselves on the relationships we have with you all, working in partnership with you to achieve great things for your children. If you have any questions, queries or simply want to say hello - please pop in! I endeavour to be on the playground at the beginning and end of most days so please come and say hello so I can get to know you all.

This term's newsletter will be with you in the next few weeks so please look out for that in your child's book bag.

I'm looking forward to the exciting challenges ahead. Here's to the future of Pinewood!
Best wishes

Rachel Otter

