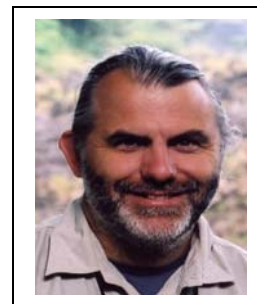


Dear Parents and Friends of Paisley Primary School

It's 3 weeks now since I began working here and I feel that it's time to introduce myself properly to those of you who I've not yet met! To those I have, thanks for the welcome!



I've lived in the area for most of my life and have always worked in or near to Hull so I've been aware of the Paisley Primary success story for some time. I am delighted that the Governing Body chose me as the new Headteacher and already feel very much part of the team. This team includes not just the staff here, but also you, the parents and community, and most importantly of all - the children.

In 2001 OfSTED inspected the school and recognized that "standards are improving more rapidly than those in many schools" and that "parents express very strong support for the school, and links with them have remained effective." These two things are closely linked and I am keen to make sure that they continue - our children deserve the best we can offer.

You will not see major changes in the coming months, but I intend to make sure that we continue developing and improving upon what we already have. For example:

- ✓ A new homework policy to ensure that homework, including reading, is seen as an important and rewarding part of the week's activities.
- ✓ A review of our highly successful "assertive discipline" policy so that even more children gain recognition for their good work and behaviour.
- ✓ "Excellence and Enjoyment" - developing an interesting and varied curriculum which takes full advantage of the opportunities offered by ICT.
- ✓ Continuing to be a "Health Promoting School" - helping children to develop good relationships, keep safe and live healthy lifestyles.
- ✓ Working towards the "Eco-School" award - minimizing waste and litter, recycling, saving energy and developing the school grounds.

You will be kept informed of developments and often offered the opportunity to get involved. Your ideas and support are always valued.

For example, right now we need two more parent governors. This is a real opportunity to join the team of people who help to run our successful school. Please pop in and ask us what is involved.

I look forward to many happy years working with you,

Yours

R. Petch
Headteacher