

# Wootton Bassett Infants' School

## July 2021

### Goodbye from Mr Hazzard

I'm writing this sitting in my office looking at the bare boards (all the children's work which so many people enjoy seeing has been taken down) and thinking about my time at Wootton Bassett Infants' School. I came here, initially for one year, to oversee the amalgamation of the Infants with Noremars. Obviously, this didn't happen and I ended up staying here for fourteen years. I already lived in Wootton Bassett and lots of people tried to dissuade me from taking a job in the same place. But I have loved the sense of community and seeing children, parents and grandparents around the town and I have always felt very proud to be the Head of the Infants and to play such a prominent part in the community.

I don't need to remind you what a strange year this has been and I really hope next year is able to return to normal and all the events that make Wootton Bassett Infants such an exciting place to be can take place: Harvest festival, the Christmas play and World Book Day trips to the bookshop. Even getting all the children together for a whole school assembly is something the staff are looking forward to. Everybody has worked hard to ensure the children are happy but we all want to return in September being part of a whole school and not a self-contained bubble.



I was delighted when Mrs Pass was appointed to the position of Headteacher and I am confident that the school will continue to move forward with our outstanding group of teachers, support staff and governors supporting her.

I would like to end by saying thank you to all those parents who have given me so much support during my time here and to wish you a very happy and healthy summer holiday.

Mark Hazzard



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### Dates for your Diary

23/07 Term 6 ends - 1pm

01/09 TD Day

02/09 Year1 & 2 return

07/09 Reception start

21/10—29/10 Half term holiday

## Farewell to Mr Hazzard

Whilst the summer holidays are usually a cause for excitement, this year there is more than a touch of sadness too as the end of term means that the time has come to say goodbye to Mr Hazzard, who is heading off to enjoy a well-deserved retirement after a long and successful teaching career, the last 14 years of which have been as Headteacher at our school.

Mr Hazzard's passion for art and all things creative have been at the heart of everything at the school during his time here and has been fundamental in creating a warm, fun and exciting environment in which our pupils can thrive and enjoy their time at school.

It's difficult to put into words just how much of an impact Mr Hazzard has had on so many people's lives and since he announced that he would be retiring this summer, we have been blown away by the number of pupils and colleagues – past and present – who have been in contact to share their stories and memories. I wanted to share just a few of these which I think sum up the sentiment behind all of the comments we've received perfectly:

*"I had the privilege of working with Mark at Windmill Hill between 1993-1998 in the early days of my teaching career, when he was Deputy Head. I have many good memories of the most amazing artwork and some fantastic performances, which as a musician, I was able to be a part of. He was always a really supportive colleague and I wish him a long and happy retirement. Thank you Mark for all your encouragement and support."*

*"I loved that he remembered all the names of the children (past, present and some future!). I had always known that I wanted the girls to go to the infants, but meeting with him and seeing his office covered in the art work of the children, certainly made me feel even more sure!  
I always knew when he'd taught my daughters; they'd come home very happy and covered in paint!  
Enjoy your retirement Mr Hazzard, you will be missed!  
X"*

*"I was lucky enough to be taught by Mr Hazzard at Windmill Hill. I am now 27 and when I look back he is the one teacher I really remember with really happy school memories. The passion and the care he put into what he taught was incredible and he knew perfectly just how he really could teach us through a fun and valuable way. Every learning moment was a fun one and that is why I remember him so fondly."*

*"Our memories of Mr Hazzard are of his kindness & sense of fun. My daughter loved it when she walked into class & Mr Hazzard had his brown apron on because that always meant Art which she loved. Christmas plays were legendary, he always sat on the front row to provide reassurance to any nervous performers (& maybe a gentle reminder of lines). He was always a welcome sight at the Fete BBQ, remembering each child's name as he served them. I also remember a class trip to the book shop & when we got there, he was ready & waiting to read a story to the children, they loved it. Overall we just feel lucky that our children attended Infants & were nurtured & developed by Mark and his team. We wish you a wonderfully happy & healthy retirement Mark, you deserve it!"*



Mr Hazzard will be hugely missed by all of the pupils and staff at the school. His passion for art and creativity and determination to do the best for every child are now embedded at the core of the schools values and the whole team are determined to carry this forward for many years to come – a legacy that Mr Hazzard can feel very proud of.

Everyone at the school wishes him all the very best in his well-deserved retirement.

Marcus Farr  
Chair of Governors

# Our Staff from September 2021

## Senior Leadership Team



Mrs Alison Pass  
Headteacher



Mrs Rebecca Tebbitt  
Assistant Headteacher



Miss Jenny Pearce  
Assistant Headteacher



Mr Tom Hill  
SENCo

### TEACHERS

Miss Hannah Macaulay	Reception
Miss Rachel Crimp	Reception (3 days)
Mrs Jen Bowditch	Reception (2 days)
Mrs Rebecca Tebbitt	Year 1 (3 days)
Mrs Emily Smith	Year1 (2 days)
Miss Steph Noyes	Year 1
Miss Jenny Pearce	Year 2
Mrs Nicky Anderton	Year 2 (3 days)
Mrs Tiff Hughes	Year 2 (2 days)

### SUPPORT STAFF

Miss Beckie Lynne	School Business Manager	
Mrs Lisa Farr	Deputy Admin Officer	
Mrs T Hulbert	Mrs N Brown	Mrs J Randell
Mrs M Bullock	Mrs K Thatcher	Miss N Fairbanks
Mrs L Benham	Mrs V Edwards	Mrs K Kingdon
Mrs C Barton	Mrs I Davies	Mrs J Loveday
Mrs E Thomas	Mr P Stokes	Mrs L Clarke

## Our Reading Challenge Winners

All the teachers have been so impressed with the children's efforts when it comes to reading at home.

This terms winners are Ryan (Year 2 Mrs Pass), Poppy (Year1 Miss Noyes) and Chloe (Reception Miss Macaulay) and they will be going

with Mr Hazzard to choose a book from the book shop tomorrow.



Keep reading at home, maybe join the Library Summer Reading Challenge and don't forget you

## Congratulations to ...

Cillian and Alexa from Year 1 for completing their Doodle Maths - well done



Cerys P from Year 2 and her sister undertook an epic walk and raised £736 for Crohn's and colitis UK.



We'd like to say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Edwards (Miss McKay), Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Frempong and Mrs Smith, who are leaving us for pastures new. Thank you all for your hard work.

### Wootton Bassett Library Reading Challenge

Sat 10th July - Sat 4th September

This years challenge is 'Wild World Heroes'. Libraries will be running the challenge slightly differently to previous years - giving out packs of materials (a fold out map and stickers) to be taken away, with information for parents and carers regarding giving out the stickers to their children. Materials are limited, so will be available while stocks last.

We are sorry but we won't be able to listen to children talk about each of the books they read, however, once children have read their six books they are invited to return to the library from Monday 2 August to receive their medal and certificate.

If they prefer, children will be able to take part in the challenge online, where they will also find games, competitions, book recommendations and much more to inspire them.

For more information click here : <https://youtu.be/CFX1i7vMfOc>

