

## **HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Learning and Achieving Together

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## Learning and Achieving Together Values for the School Year (2023/2024): Mutual Respect, Kindness and Belonging

## Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Children, I would like to thank-you for the wonderful assembly you gave me in the last week of term. Celebrating my time at Hillingdon Primary School with you, colleagues, ex-colleagues, governors/community councillors, family and friends was a perfect end to my time at our school.

As always, your behaviour was impeccable, your singing beautiful, your speeches moving and your gifts and cards appreciated. The presentation of photographs gave me an opportunity to think back over the years and reflect on what we have achieved as a team. It gave me a chance to think about the other adults and children (some are now staff members) who have been part of the team and their positive impact. It was very special to have ex-colleagues at the assembly.

Parents/carers, it was lovely to see so many of you at the festive singing on the last day. It was an opportunity for me to stand back and watch our community come together and see the children's joy and excitement. Thank-you for the presents, cards and well wishes and especially the messages from ex-pupils talking about their successes and how much they appreciated the start they had at Hillingdon. Thank-you for taking the time to talk with me. It meant a lot. Thank-you for your support throughout my time at Hillingdon.

The success and happiness of a community is dependent on all members of the community working together and being aware of their rights but also their responsibilities to each other and this is what we teach the children. It has always been important to me to lead a community where all the children are important and they are all given an opportunity to achieve and do well. I am very proud of the children at Hillingdon and how they strive to do their best. Sometimes this means learning from their mistakes and moving forward; an important life lesson.

What next for me? I am looking forward to a break and then maybe a step back into education but with part time hours.



I am excited for what the new year will bring as the school team starts a new journey under the committed and hard working leadership of Ms Kelly and Ms Saidiya. I will watch with interest and continued support for the school community.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

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Principal - September 2003 to December 2023