

## Mr Moloney's Hipsburn 10 Year Anniversary

This month marks the tenth anniversary of Kevin Moloney becoming Headteacher at Hipsburn; I, along with Murray Davies, was already a school governor at that point and we were part of the panel that interviewed and appointed him.

Back in early 2016 we were still a First school, becoming Primary from that September; my daughter was in the first Year 4 cohort that stayed on through Year 6. Kevin led us through this period of significant change which included: extending our pupil age range to 11; adapting the curriculum to cover the whole of Key Stage 2 (including SATs); overseeing the building of new classrooms; and managing an extended staff team. Soon Preschool would go from being a private entity on our premises to a cohesive part of our school community.

During the Covid lockdown of 2020 he ensured that ours was the only primary school in the area that was open to the children of Key Workers every single day. And in late 2023 he led us through a successful Ofsted inspection.

Our website says:

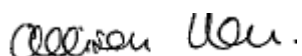
*"We are committed to improving the quality of the educational provision for all our children which will enable them to reach their full potential and attain the levels of knowledge, understanding and skills that society demands for their future lives."*

Kevin has been critical to Hipsburn delivering on this. He leads by example every day with his unwavering high standards of professionalism and patience and the adaptable, considered way in which he runs our school. He knows every child well, ensures they all feel valued, included and can thrive.

Over the years staff members have inevitably joined and left and in both cases they acknowledge Kevin's support and encouragement and his key role in their professional development.

Kevin formally reports to our governing body each term and the documents he writes show the fine level of detail he has of the school across the board. When governors are in school we see first-hand the warm, inspiring and happy atmosphere that he has been so instrumental in creating and maintaining.

Thank you Kevin, for everything you have done and continue to do at Hipsburn.



Allison Wort Chair of Governors, on behalf of the Governing Body.