



## A word from Mrs Daniels

The end of the school year is always tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to our Year 6 children but even more so this week as two members of staff retire. Mrs Hunter has taught Reception here for 15 years and Mrs Peters has been a Teaching Assistant in KS2 for 25 years.

They have both had such a positive impact on the school in so many ways that it is hard to put it into words but I will try and do it in our whole school final assembly tomorrow morning!

For today, my huge thanks to them both for the energy and commitment they have given Cookham Rise. They leave behind them a legacy of kindness and joy and will be missed by all of us. Their work at the school has impacted on hundreds of children, the ripples of which will be felt for years to come.

However, I know what active people they both are and know that their retirement might quite possibly be busier than their working years!

On behalf of us all I wish them the happiest of retirements!

## THIS WEEK

### Monday 19th July

### Tuesday 20th July

9.00am Whole school final assembly  
2.45pm Year 6 obstacle race  
Year 6 mufti day (silent auction prize)

### Wednesday 21st July

9.00 Year 6 leavers' assembly  
School finishes at 1.30pm

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**Wishing you all a lovely summer break and thank you for the support you have given Cookham Rise over the past year.**

## Over and Above Awards—Friday 18th July

Reception	Mace Cooper- Chance	Joey Thornton	Enzo Spence
Year 1	Oliver Troman	Kiara Pandy	Evelyn McLeod
Year 2	Liya Lachhar	Dylan Roberts	
Year 3	Benji Rodger	Rufus Robson	
Year 4	Thomas Troman	Louis Troman	All of Year 4
Year 5	Ethan Courtis	Molly Price	
Year 6	Max Andrews	All of Year 6	



## Caterlink Refunds

Please watch out for a separate email coming out about this.

## Calendar for term 1—so far!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3 Staff training day	4	5	6	7
8 Virtual class meetings this week and next	9 11+ practice paper	10	11 11+ test	12	13	14
15 7pm Governing Body meeting	16	17 6.30pm Meeting for Reception parents RWI	18	19 Inflatables day!	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 6.30pm Meeting for Reception parents— behavior and safeguarding	9	10	11	12
13 9.30am Governor finance meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19 Circus
20	21 Three workshops for Years 2-6	22	23	24 Staff training day	25	26

## Happy retirement Mrs Hunter!



**PSHE**



How long have you worked at Cookham Rise?

**I have worked at Cookham Rise for 15years now.**

Have you worked in multiple classes during your time here.

**I have only worked in reception class.**

Have you got favourite memory about Cookham Rise?

**Wellington Country Park, I loved seeing the children's happy faces as they jumped onto the giant pillow.**

What has been the funniest moment her at Cookham Rise?

**The funniest moment is always the nativity play as funny things always happen.**

What is your favourite event?

**School Council will have to be my favourite event.**

What advice would you give to all the children who are at Cookham Rise right now?

**Always be kind and supportive.**

What are you most looking to about retiring?

**I am most looking forward to travelling in term time.**

Interviewed by Willow and Finn



## Happy retirement Mrs Peters!

How long have you worked at Cookham Rise?

25 years I have worked at Cookham Rise and it has gone so quickly. I started here when my children started at their school and I thought I might get a part time job at this school. I also helped at my children's school and the reception teacher told me that there is a job at Cookham Rise and I should work there so that's how I ended up here.

How many years have you worked here?

I have mainly taught in yr5 and yr6 but two years ago I started in year 3 . I have loved working with different children and parents. It's never predictable - which my brain likes!

What is your favourite thing about Cookham Rise?

It just feels like a really big family and all the staff are so caring and they care for all the children and its just such a family atmosphere. If a child has had a bad day or if they got hurt they will genuinely think of them all day.

What is your favourite memory at Cookham Rise?

When I did drama with Claire White and eco-club with Mrs Armstrong. I used to love doing drama and eco-club - they were such nice clubs to do. Mrs Bown and I became good solid friends and the reason we became good friends was because we did PGL for either 12 or 17 years together. (She couldn't remember)



When have you laughed aloud?

I know this may sound weird but I love coming outside at lunch and because we have OPAL now, I love seeing all the children wearing crazy outfits—it really does make me laugh.

What is your favourite event at Cookham Rise

Probably Christmas because I love seeing everyone in the Christmas spirit especially the little ones because they are so excited!

What advice could you give to the students?

Don't compare yourself to other people. You're special in your own way. Just like a giraffe does not have a mark in the same place as any other giraffe or a zebra for example. The same for us. Don't be put off because you think someone is better at something than you. You are equal to every single human being on the planet and you are as good as anyone else. Just stick with what you believe in yourself. Don't let other people put you down for one second.

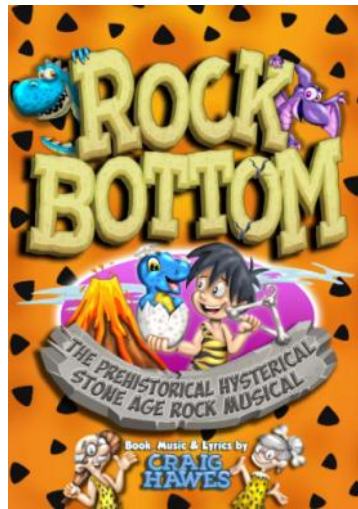
What are you most looking forward to about your retirement?

Not getting ready in the mornings! That's the truth. As I've got older, I'm getting more tired and I don't bounce out of bed like I used to! Also, to go on holiday without paying the huge amounts for school holidays - I want to do a little bit of travelling.

Interviewed by Sophia and Raf



**Well done to Year 6 on a fantastic production last week**



**ROLL UP, ROLL UP!  
ENTER OUR COMPETITION  
TO DESIGN THE FRONT  
COVER OF OUR CIRCUS  
PROGRAMME!**

**KEY INFORMATION:**

- CREATE A DAZZLING, FUN AND COLOURFUL A4 PICTURE
- HAND YOUR ENTRY IN TO YOUR TEACHER BY FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

**PRIZES:**

- WINNING PICTURE TO BE INCLUDED ON THE FRONT OF THE CIRCUS PROGRAMME!
- ONE WINNER PER CLASS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CIRCUS PROGRAMME!
- SMALL PRIZE FOR TAKING PART!



**DON'T FORGET TO USE THE QR  
CODE TO BUY YOUR  
CIRCUS TICKETS TOO!**

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## A poem for Mrs Hunter and Mrs Peters

The chalk dust settles, quiet at last,  
No more morning bells to herald the class.  
Years of laughter, lessons, gentle guidance,  
Shaped each child with wisdom and reliance.

Side by side—teachers and TAs so true,  
You walked those corridors, day after day through,  
Hand-in-hand with curiosity and care,  
Planting seeds of courage, sowing hope to share.

No more plans to build, no more assemblies to lead,  
But your legacy lives on in each child and deed.  
In stories told by parents, in triumphs and cheer,  
Your influence blossoms year after year.

You leave behind the bustle, the paper piles, the race,  
To find calm mornings and a more gentle pace.  
Yet once a teacher—and TA—you always remain,  
A beacon of compassion in every child's refrain

We want ALL of our  
children to shine!

Well done to Will who completed his first triathlon  
at the weekend—a fantastic achievement!

