

Hello everyone! I'm Miss Collins and I'll be the headteacher in September. I'm looking forward to welcoming everyone back after the summer holidays and meeting our new starters.

After I loved being acting head at our wonderful school, I felt inspired to gain my headship qualification. This took a lot of effort and resilience but it was worth it as I learnt so much. Can you imagine how thrilled I was to learn that this year I can not only fulfil my dream to be a head but also head of the school I love and happen to think is the BEST!

What do I love most about Stockton school? The community. We have such wonderful families at our school. I am so proud to be part of it. We all work together to make sure our school is a lovely environment to learn in and that everyone feels safe and happy. We have beautiful grounds and I am excited for our new Forest School experience happening this year.

Before I became a headteacher, I spent over 20 years as a teacher and SENCO. I've worked in schools in York, Thailand, Singapore and even in the Himalayas. I also worked in the Grand Opera House for a few years. I'm so glad to have gained all this experience but I can honestly say Stockton on the Forest school is my favourite place to work in!

My school was very different to this one. I grew up in Singapore in South East Asia and went to an enormous international school. I loved school especially Drama and English which I went onto study at university. Drama, reading and writing are my favourite things to teach. I learnt at school that everyone is different and that is a brilliant thing to celebrate because the world would be terribly dull if we were all the same. I also learnt that if you try your best, you will always achieve something you can feel proud of.



I adore exploring and adventures. We have such an exciting world to explore and I love having adventures in books too. Reading really can take you anywhere! Everyone who has met me knows I love to live my life on my bike! I joined a cycling club 6 years ago and since then I have cycled further than I ever imagined I would – all the way to Edinburgh, Dumfries and this year all over Majorca and Hong Kong! I've started a new adventure – bikepacking! It takes perseverance but I think it goes to show that we can all reach our aspirations if we work hard at things. After all, even the Olympic athletes are just human!

These are questions I often get asked:



What is my favourite colour? It's always been blue ever since I was little. Blue is a calming colour for me and makes me think of the sky and the ocean.

What is my favourite animal? I love barn owls. They're fascinating silent predators with their heart-shaped faces and ghostly appearance. I'll have to mention cats too because otherwise my cat at home will be upset!

What was my favourite book when I was little? Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl and Goodnight Mr Tom. Now I also love Land of Roar because I've enjoyed reading it to Hazel class so much.

If you've got any more questions, I'll be happy to answer them.

Have a lovely summer everyone!

Miss Collins