Hello! I have been asked to write a little blurb about myself so that you can have a little more insight into me as a class teacher at St Mary's CofE (Aided) Primary School.

Where to start? Teaching is not my first profession. I studied History of Modern Art, Design and Film at Newcastle University...which was rather a long time ago now. I spent most of my childhood in Leicester, but my family began to migrate to the Isle of Man from the late 60's onwards and we moved there in the 1980's. I still have a very strong connection with the island today. I moved to Surrey in my mid twenties and took a job as a private client manager for the rich and famous, looking after their personal insurance requirements.

I am married and have two son's. One is currently at The Weald and another still in Primary school. A few years ago my insurance career proved to become more and more tricky with the juggling of family life and work. I had a passion for working with children and would always volunteer at my sons' schools. When I had the opportunity, and with the support of my husband, I took a few years away from working and trained to become a Primary school teacher. It is the best decision I could have made.

This is my first year as a qualified teacher. I am so pleased to have been offered the opportunity to work at St Mary's. Aside from teaching, I enjoy long walks in the countryside with the family and a rather loopy dog. I enjoy cooking and would love to travel more.

Please do not hesitate to come and introduce yourselves to me.

Regards,

Mrs Benson