

Hello,

I am delighted to be teaching Year 3, New Zealand Class. I taught Year 5 last year, Year 6 for the four years before that and prior to that I taught a Year 5/6 class. I am a qualified Forest School Leader which has influenced me a lot as a class teacher; I strongly believe that children should be spending as much time as possible outside and that not all classrooms have four walls.

I have four children who keep me very busy! We love spending time outside and taking my mum's dog, Nutmeg, for walks. I'm hoping to get my own dog, but my husband needs a little more convincing - watch this space! I love horses and used to have my own on which I competed in eventing. I also rode out race horses. Before becoming a teacher, I was an Equine Manual Therapist, treating horses' musculo-skeletal problems. Maybe I should convince my husband we need a horse too...

I 'm really looking forward to getting to know New Zealand class. If you have any questions, or would like to introduce yourself; please feel free to speak to me at the end of the day. Alternatively, you can contact me through our class email address: nz@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk.

Best wishes

Mrs Ashton-Smith