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.

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 the Midlands, but my family began to migrate to the Isle of Man from the late 60's onwards and we moved there in the 1980s. 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 sons. One is currently studying for A levels and the other is in his first year at secondary school. A few years ago now, my insurance career became 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 was the best decision I could have made.

This is now my sixth year at St Mary's in Pulborough having taught Year 5 for two years and now coming into my fourth year teaching Year 3. Aside from teaching, I enjoy long walks in the countryside with the family and a rather loopy dog. I enjoy running, cooking, (which is why I find I need to exercise more!) and travelling the world.

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

Regards,

Mrs Benson