

I'm going to love being deputy head here...!

Caroline Wood talks about her experience of walking into her new role at Bedenham Primary School

I WAS nervous as I walked towards the school entrance five weeks ago but the bright blue exterior and warm welcoming lights of Bedenham Primary School beckoned.

As I walked through the door, smiling faces and the smell of toast from the bustling breakfast club welcomed me.

Enjoying a slice of Marmite toast, I watched the children reading and happily playing with their friends before school.

Assembly time soon arrived and the classes poured into the large hall. Mrs Potter, my new

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headteacher, told the school about the exciting term ahead. I was especially excited by the sound of all the after-school clubs – gymnastics, Around the World, science, drama, ICT. There seemed to be two or three choices each evening.

Children got really excited when Rock Challenge was mentioned. Will we win again this year?

Lessons then started and a calmness spread across the

school as everyone knuckled down to hard work. The teachers are really smiley and have high expectations. They set challenging but exciting work. Breaktime couldn't come soon enough and the three playgrounds burst into life. The huge field and trim trail area were busy too. Children seem to get on well together; no arguments over footballs or swearing; a pleasant change for me.

As I looked about me, I wondered whether I would ever learn everybody's names but children came running, introducing themselves with a smile.

By lunchtime, I was sat amongst chatty children eating delicious pizza, coleslaw and fresh melon.

The girl beside me told me that Bedenham is a Healthy School and that even packed lunches are nutritious and balanced although she did sneak a Twix from under her sandwich. When I asked another girl what she wanted to be when she grows up, she said 'a vegetarian' and it made me smile.

As I walked back I realised that every pupil in every class was reading; even the most boisterous of boys. I am really going to love being the new deputy head teacher here!