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to become the first village school in the area to be fitted with a private 'Broadband' Internet connection to link with the North Lincs Council computer network in Barton. This innovation massively speeded up our pupils' Internet connection and allowed for new and exciting ventures such as making contact with other schools across the world! Now Goxhill pupils have IT skills far in advance of those of other primary children.

Pastoral care

Thanks to Andrew's leadership, the village school is popular amongst local parents and attracts many out of catchment pupils from surrounding villages with their own schools. OFSTED praised the pastoral care of pupils as outstanding at Goxhill School. Pupils like the 'Special Mention' assemblies which celebrate their achievements, being treated 'kindly' and learning in an environment where teachers 'don't shout'. Parents like the positive ethos and the family atmosphere. They also appreciate the swift resolution of problems and the slick and professional approach of staff. Andrew also introduced a new style lunch system that is very flexible and convenient for parents.

Community services

Andrew has always believed that it is vital to keep the school as the focus of the Community. To this end, he has continually encouraged a learning culture, involving the children, their parents and the wider local community. Since he became headteacher at Goxhill School, the playgroup runs sessions on site and the community benefits from on site Adult Education classes.

The school is now an Extended School. This means it is open to and serves the local community. There is an affiliated Out of

School Club which is very popular as it gives parents the flexibility to drop off their children at school early and collect them after the traditional end of the school day.

The school is always keen to build and maintain our strong links with a wide variety of community groups and initiatives. In fact Goxhill School is the only local school to support Livelincs, a scheme that brings live professional theatre to rural audiences. The school has adopted the railway station and also hosts a range of additional activities such as football, music tuition, Brownies and Rainbows.

A legacy to celebrate and remember

Since becoming headteacher, Andrew has led Goxhill School to become the most popular school in the area. Visitors (parents, professionals and even contractors!) comment on the friendly, welcoming atmosphere engendered throughout the school. He has promoted a positive "can do" community in which the academic, physical and social potential of individual pupils is fully developed in a stable, supportive, stimulating and caring atmosphere.

Andrew has been a very proactive and highly visible headteacher in our community. There is daily informal contact with parents at the school gates and equally constant contact with pupils around the school. In fact he knows all 250 pupils and their parents/carers by name! Andrew is a very approachable headteacher. Parents and the local community alike have valued his caring, prompt and effective responses to queries or concerns.

I'm sure you will join the pupils, staff, and governors of Goxhill Primary School to wish Andrew Jackson a very happy and successful career in Hull and to

thank him for leaving Goxhill with a school that we can all be proud of.

*Karen Jackson
Deputy Headteacher
Goxhill Primary School*

The pupils will be presenting Andrew with a gift from the staff, pupils (old and new), parents and the local community in the last week of term. If you would like to make a contribution towards the gift please place a cheque / cash in a labelled envelope and hand it into the School Office c/o Mrs. Dunderdale. Many thanks.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Andrew all the best in his next challenge across the river. It is a very different school he is taking charge of, and I'm sure that staff, children, parents and governors will realise how fortunate they are to have a man of such calibre.

He has done an enormous amount for Goxhill School both as my deputy and then, of course, in his own style. The school has made enormous strides and I'm sure that you will be sorry to see him move.

In my retired 'job' I do get into Andrew's new school, so I look forward to keeping in contact with him.

All the best, Andrew.

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