***Ashdon Primary School***

***Mrs. Reynolds***

Hi, I'm Mrs Reynolds the class one teacher at Ashdon. I have been here at Ashdon for 14 years, 10 more years than I've taught at any other school which shows how much I love it! I started teaching in Luton, longer ago than I want to think about, in an infant school at a time when Luton was an 'Education Action Zone', phonics was a new thing and we were part of the pilot group for the Numeracy Strategy. After a few years of being away from Essex I decided to move back and taught a nursery class in an infant school in Chelmsford for 4 years. Following this I taught in Great Dunmow and Henham, mostly in EYFS. The ethos of Ashdon Primary School is what has kept me here, Caring, Celebrating and Challenging are, I believe interwoven with each other. We celebrate when challenges have been overcome, we need to be challenged to learn and we need to care and feel cared for to meet challenges.  Another aspect of Ashdon I love is our surroundings, the school grounds and surrounding area are such wonderful learning environments, especially for our younger children. At home I spend a lot my time outdoors with my ever growing menagerie of animals which include ducks, a turkey and chickens that hatched in my incubator in Class One and my lovely dogs, horse and rescue ponies that mean I get up early and am never bored.