



Christ Church CE VC Primary School

Aspire, celebrate and learn...

19 March 2021

Dear Christ Church Families

Last week I let you know that the Governing Body would spend Tuesday and Wednesday this week interviewing candidates for the Head Teacher position. As you are aware, we have been working hard since Neil announced his intention to retire to ensure the School has the right Head Teacher to take us forward – a task easier said than done! It has taken time and a lot of work on the part of many people to undertake a rigorous, effective and, I'm pleased to say, productive recruitment process. I have been immensely grateful to the staff who have supported us along the way, particularly Neil, Janine Smith and Sarah Jones. I also feel utterly privileged to be working with such a professional, knowledgeable and supportive governing body.

I am so thrilled to be able to confirm that Rachael Brotherton will be joining us as Head Teacher from September. Rachael has thoroughly impressed us with her comprehensive experience, high expectations, outstanding knowledge of teaching and learning, and child-centred focus. She has been Head Teacher of the 'outstanding' rated Sutton Veny School for eleven years, and we have every confidence that she will provide leadership qualities that protect what we hold dear about Christ Church but enhanced with a renewed and refreshed vigour.

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding while we have been looking for the right person to take Christ Church forward. I have never felt prouder to be part of the School Community. The last twelve months has been unprecedented and we have all had to adapt, in ways we would not have anticipated, with new approaches to working, parenting, teaching and learning. Your willingness to work with and support the School and our staff to make sure our children continue to progress and learn in a meaningful way has made such a huge difference.

We look forward to welcoming Rachael in September, and I'm sure you will hear from her directly as that time approaches.

Best wishes,

Amy Laird

Chair of Governors



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