



# CHILTON FOLIAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

## **Headteacher Appointment**

Further to the email last week, the Governing Body is delighted to announce that Mrs Catherine Turner has been appointed to the permanent Headteacher post at our school, commencing in September. The standards of our candidates were exceptionally high, especially when considering the backdrop of challenge that schools so often face in finding the right leader. This truly speaks to the strengths of our school, and we believe that Mrs Turner has the leadership skills we need to both build on current strengths and to drive the school's improvement journey. She is committed to meeting and exceeding Ofsted and SIAMs' expectations, while providing every one of our children with the opportunity to be challenged and positively encouraged to be the best they can be in the classroom, on the playground and in the wider world.

Mrs Turner is currently the Acting Head at Rushall Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, a school with a similar context to ours, having previously been Deputy Head at the same school. Her career in education has highlighted her ambition, perseverance and drive to achieve high standards across the board. She is highly professional but also approachable and these qualities alongside her Christian, kind nature, her child-centric approach, passion for education and commitment to a broad curriculum impressed everyone who met her, giving confidence that she the right leader to take us to the next stage.

Mrs Turner is keen to visit the school over the next two terms, to become more familiar with the children, staff and parents, and we will ensure that you have opportunities over that time to meet her. Of course there will also be a detailed handover programme put in place to ensure a smooth transition, and we will be in touch to share a date when we can introduce you to her.

## **School Improvement Update**

We promised to update you on the progress we are making against our school improvement plans. The Local Authority acted as facilitators for our recent School Effectiveness Review. Evidence of the support provided from specialists in both Maths and English can be seen in pupil books and in improvements in classroom practice. The staff are now getting to grips with Classroom Monitor, our new assessment tool, and we commend them on their ongoing commitment to this new system. We are pleased with the improvements made at this stage, and expect to see further improvements in pupil data after Easter.

## **Classroom Developments**

As you may recall, several months ago we submitted an application to the Salisbury Diocese to fund our need for a fourth fit-for-purpose classroom. We are thrilled that our bid was successful, and we are now working with the Diocese to develop more details for a planning application. Our ultimate goal is to replace the mobile which is now showing more signs of deterioration, with two classroom facilities, one meeting the needs of our bid, and the other to provide improved space for Chilton Club Childcare, which provides a valuable service to our

school community. We are currently looking at the costs and possible phasing of implementation for these two improvements. To do all of this we will need to raise more funds; we will keep you informed of next steps as we progress this exciting opportunity.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Spindlow our new Acting Head in April, and in the meantime hope that Mrs Weston will be able to enjoy her last days with us, before her moving van arrives! We will truly miss her, and thank her for all the passion and enthusiasm she has brought to the school, always putting the children first. We wish her well on her exciting new adventure in Devon. We also wish Mrs Waite and her family the best as they head off in the opposite direction to Scotland and we thank her for contribution to the school too. We bid farewell to Mrs Poole who will be retiring in earnest, and hope we will continue to see her as she won't be disappearing off miles away!

This time of year is ideal to reflect and give thanks to all the wonderful people who make our school so special. You all make a difference, each in your own way; thank you.

We hope that you all have a wonderful Easter, and look forward to a busy Term 5.

The Governing Body