

3rd April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, children, parents, carers and staff came together to celebrate our Headteacher Mrs Jee and all that she has given to our school community.

It was a wonderful afternoon celebrating 20 years of service. Mrs Jee truly embodied Paul's letter to the Church in Colossae when he wrote 'whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters'. The Governors want to extend their thanks to Mrs Jee for all she has done for our school community.

We also want to put on record our gratitude to Mr Ireland for taking up the role of acting headteacher. Mr Ireland epitomises everything that is great about our school community and we could not have asked for anyone better to lead the school through this period. He is an outstanding asset to this school.

Mr Ireland has decided it is not the right time for him to apply for the permanent post; a decision which of course we respect fully. He has informed the Governing Board that he will continue in this role for as long as required and this allows us the time to ensure we get this appointment right. We are very grateful to Mr Ireland for prioritising the school's needs and I hope that you will continue to support him in this role.

I also wanted to update you on the process of a new head teacher appointment. We took a difficult decision that the initial applications received were not of sufficient quality to move to the shortlisting stage. We therefore chose to extend the advert. Although the closing date is yet to be reached, the Governors have shown round some new excellent potential candidates. My personal thanks go to Mrs Vickers and Mrs Luff for conducting these tours which have been time consuming as well as the office for their co-ordination.

It remains our steadfast duty to appoint the right person for the role and we have no doubt that God has his hand firmly on this appointment. I will update you when I have further news.

I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter.

Mr T Ransley



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