



Ancaster

Church of England Primary School

Monday 19th June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the very recent promotion of her husband and relocation of her family to London, we are writing with a heavy heart to inform you that, in September, Mrs Talbot will not be returning to her role as Deputy Headteacher at Ancaster Church of England Primary School. Mrs Talbot has been an extraordinary member of staff who has played an instrumental role in helping to shape and develop our school not only as a key member of the school's Senior Leadership Team but also as an exemplary Class Teacher. Those children lucky enough to have been taught by her, we are sure, will never forget her dedication, energy, liveliness and warmth as a teacher. In recent months, Mrs Talbot has been out of the classroom as a non-teaching Deputy Headteacher whilst we set up the arrangement that is currently in place with Welbourn Church of England Primary School. This has allowed her to further develop her leadership skills and as a result of her hard work, she has been successful in gaining her very first headship at a school near where she will be living. Whilst we are sad to see Mrs Talbot leave Ancaster, we are delighted that she is now able to spread her wings and also impact positively on other groups of pupils as a Headteacher in her very own right and we all know she will be absolutely fantastic! Please join us in wishing Mrs Talbot the biggest congratulations in securing her Headship-she does not leave us until the end of the academic year so we will be seeing plenty of her for the next few weeks.

Our full Governors have met to discuss the next steps for Ancaster and the future role of our Deputy Headteacher. We are delighted that we can now inform you that from September, Mrs Maxine Woods will be undertaking the role of Deputy Headteacher within school. Mrs Woods will, initially, be teaching Year 3/4 Monday to Wednesday alongside Mrs Tomlinson (covering Mrs Parsons Maternity Leave) and will use the rest of the week to work on key leadership priorities outside of any classroom responsibilities. Mrs Woods is an outstanding teacher, and an extremely experienced senior leader, who has undertaken previous Deputy Headships as well as Head of School roles in large primary schools. In addition to this, she has also been an advisor for a Local Education Authority and comes with a wide range of skills that Ancaster will undoubtedly benefit from.

Once again, please join us in thanking Mrs Talbot for the past 4 years in which she has worked in our school. Her hard work and dedication to our school has been greatly appreciated by all. We are now busy working with Mrs Woods to complete her induction so that Mrs Talbot is able to hand over important information about the role and also work with staff and governors in readiness for September. She is incredibly eager to start working with us and we will ensure she is at key events over the summer for you to be able to meet her.

Yours sincerely,

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