

Rettendon Primary School



6th July 2018

Dear Friends

Headteacher Appointment

I am delighted to inform you that the Governors have appointed Ms Sarah Soper as the new Headteacher of Rettendon School. She will start in January 2019 and is looking forward to taking up her post.

The recruitment process was very thorough and both staff and pupils took part in the process. The School Council members 'interviewed' the candidates and asked them some very challenging questions. Their feedback to the panel afterwards was very shrewd and made a strong contribution to the decision. The staff worked tirelessly throughout the two-day process and governors were both impressed and very grateful for their professional feedback. The candidates themselves all said that they had enjoyed meeting the staff and children. They commented on what a happy, well run and creative school we have at Rettendon.

Mrs Soper is presently a deputy Head at a large Primary school that was recently graded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted'. It is also a Teaching school that provides support for other schools in the area. Mrs Soper therefore brings a wealth of skills and experience that will enrich the school.

Interim Headteacher

I am also happy to inform you that Mr. P Malcolm, Head of Rayleigh Primary School, has agreed to help us as interim Head from September 1st to December 21st 2018. Mr. Malcolm is a highly respected and experienced Headteacher and Rayleigh Primary is an outstanding school. He will be in school two days a week and Mrs Adams will 'act up' and manage the other three days.

We say farewell to Mrs Barber after twenty two years of service to the school. Under her leadership Rettendon has become the excellent school it is today and she will be very sadly missed. However, she has been instrumental in helping us to recruit the new Headteacher and I know she is very happy with the outcome.

This is a school to be proud of and I believe we have found a new Headteacher who will carry on the high standards and creative approach that Mrs Barber has established and the school will continue to go from strength to strength.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paula Whittle'.

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