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Dear Parents/Carers,

In my first letter to you as Chair of the Governing Board, I promised to let you know how our plans are progressing to recruit a new Headteacher following David Barnett's resignation.

- We have met with senior officers from the Local Authority and from the Diocese. We have consulted with staff, pupils and some parents asking what they value about our school. We have prepared a pack of information about the school to send out to people wishing to apply for the post.
- We shall advertise early in the new year. There will be a rigorous selection process held over two days during the Spring Term, after which we plan to be able to offer the post of Headteacher to the best applicant. The new person will have time to work with David over the following term to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

Other work of the Governing Board has included:

- **Looking at school data and the outcomes for pupils.** Earlier this term we received the national performance data for the school. This has been considered in detail by the Governors' School Improvement Plan Monitoring Group and was reported to all Governors at the Board meeting early in December.

Foundation Stage – 69% of children achieved a good level of development in 2018

Year 1 phonics screening - 84% of children passed the test

Key Stage 1 - Reading expected standard 86% / greater depth 24%

Writing expected standard 73% / greater depth 13%

Maths expected standard 73% / greater depth 24%

Key Stage 2 - Reading expected standard 89% / greater depth 43%

Writing expected standard 84% / greater depth 21%

Maths expected standard 80% / greater depth 26%

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar expected standard 93% / greater depth 49%

Children's progress was well above that of children nationally in reading and above average in writing and maths.

- We have followed with interest the development of the **enquiry-led curriculum** which was introduced at the beginning of this term. Some of us joined staff on the INSET day in September when plans were made for its introduction. We have received very positive feedback from the Headteacher and senior staff about the impact this approach has had on children's learning. A number of visitors have supported the enquiries, giving a real context to the children's learning experiences.
- We have been continuing to liaise with the Local Authority regarding the proposed **development of the school site** in light of the school's growing size. I know a number of you took the opportunity to view the plans last month, and we will keep you informed as the planning process progresses.

You can read more about our work by reading the minutes of Governing Board meetings which are available on the school website and on the noticeboard in the school foyer. You can also find out who we are, and what are our roles and responsibilities at www.chudleigh.devon.sch.uk/governors

We do welcome the views of parents so, should you have a comment or suggestion of a whole school nature, please make contact through our clerk in the first instance clerk@chudleigh.devon.sch.uk. We are trying this new approach as an alternative to the comment forms which used to be in the school foyer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff and governors for their continued hard work and dedication to the children in our school and to thank you, too, for your ongoing support. On behalf of the Governing Board, I wish you a very happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Smethurst

Chair of Governors

'Inspiring everyone, learning together, achievement for all'

