



Bathampton Primary School
Together on a learning adventure

Head teacher: Mr Paul Falkus B.A. (Hons)

Thursday 5th October 2017

Dear Parents,

Some of you may have heard the odd rumour about my retirement as Head Teacher at Bathampton Primary School. I can confirm that I will be finishing at the end of July 2018. The Governors are already hard at work preparing for the recruitment of a new head teacher.

I feel completely confident that our exceptionally capable and supportive Governing body will be able to choose a new Head Teacher who will share our vision, values and ambition for the school and who will be able to move the school on very successfully. The Governors are a wise group of people with a wide range of professional skills who really understand the school. They will be keen to involve staff and children in the recruitment process and will ask for your thoughts as well.

It has been a genuine privilege to work as Head Teacher of this wonderful school for so many years and to work with such an exceptional group of people and such a amazing school community. We have a strong and united staff, experienced senior leadership team and great children and families and I hope that the next Head Teacher enjoys leadership at Bathampton Primary as much as I have.

There is lots of time between now and July to say more, and to thank you for your support and partnership; in the meantime an academic year is a long time especially for children so ... back to work!

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Parents

It is with regret that I inform you, on behalf of the Governing Body of Bathampton School that I have accepted the resignation of Paul Falkus.

Paul has been an enthusiastic, encouraging and outstanding Head Teacher for seventeen years. As a Governing Body we are extremely grateful for all he has given to the school and appreciate that he has told us of his decision a year in advance.

We have already started planning for the recruitment of a replacement Head Teacher. We are currently finalising the qualities and competencies we seek in the new Head Teacher and we will take into consideration comments in both the recent pupil and parent surveys. In addition if people would like to send me constructive comments, please do so at kara.maylor@btinternet.com. We are also involving the staff and children in this process.

Please be assured that we have an experienced team of governors leading the recruitment process including governors with educational and HR experience and a Senior Local Authority advisor. We have intentionally started the process well in advance of the start date in order to maximise the opportunities to find exactly the right person for this key leadership position.

We know that this is a superb school in a wonderful setting and believe that we will attract some high calibre candidates who share our vision and values.

There will be opportunities later to thank Mr Falkus properly but I know that for now he wants to focus on our goals and aspirations for the current school year.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors

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