



## St John's Meads Church of England Primary School

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Head of School: Mr Andy Best

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, we are in the process of recruiting a new Headteacher for September 2017. The governors did interview a candidate earlier this week but no appointment has been made.

Therefore, the post of Headteacher at St John's Meads will be re-advertised with interviews being held during the first week of Term 5. The governors are confident that the right candidate will be appointed, in due course, for this important leadership role.

As Mr Best leaves us at the end of this term, the governors have been working closely with Mrs Flynn to find the right person to cover as our Head of School in terms 5 and 6.

I'm delighted to let you know that Mr Phil Crossinggum, the current Deputy Head at St Andrew's Church of England Infant's School (Seaside) has accepted our offer and will be joining us after Easter.

This arrangement has many benefits for both schools. The opportunity for continuing professional development (CPD) is something that we aspire to for all our staff and Mr Crossinggum has key skills and experience to share with St John's Meads. He will also be able to share best practice between our schools, as he will be returning to St Andrew's CE Infants for a day and a half each week.

We're liaising with the Headteacher at St Andrew's Infant's school to ensure that Mr Crossinggum has sufficient time to get to know staff and children at St John's Meads. So a series of visits to our school are being planned for this term to ensure a smooth transition, as Mr Best will be involved in the handover.

Mr Crossinggum will then be at St John's Meads every day for the first week of term 5 and then from the second week, he will be in school for three and a half days each week. Mrs Flynn will continue to be in school two full days each week. They will work closely together and with governors to ensure that this arrangement works beneficially for everyone and I'm sure that the whole school community will extend a really warm welcome to Mr Crossinggum.

Governors are aware that both St Andrew's and St John's Meads, as two of the Church schools in Eastbourne, already have a close working relationship that has been in place for many years and we look forward to developing these links further.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Kind regards,

Linda Caroe - Chair of Governors