



Ancaster
Church of England Primary School

13th December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe that Christmas is nearly here! I hope you are all enjoying the children's festive performances in school and church in the run up to the big day.

I'm writing to you today regarding our arrangement with Welbourn Church of England Primary school. As you know, Mr Eden has been the Executive Head Teacher for Ancaster and Welbourn schools since January whilst Welbourn's Head Teacher has been on maternity leave. This letter is to confirm that the arrangement will be coming to an end as planned at the end of December, and I'm delighted to let you know that Mr Eden will be returning to Ancaster full time as Head Teacher with effect from next term.

There have been a few challenges during the past year - not least OFSTED, whose inspectors visited both Ancaster and Welbourn schools within a few weeks of each other at the beginning of the year. However I know that Mr Eden has learned a great deal from this opportunity to manage two schools. The experience he has gained in this role has helped him develop further as a school leader, which in turn will benefit us enormously now that he is back at Ancaster.

We have gained from this arrangement in other ways. Although we were sad to say goodbye to our Deputy Head, Mrs Talbot, in July, we are lucky to have found an excellent replacement in the form of Mrs Woods, whose talent was spotted whilst she was teaching on a temporary contract at Welbourn earlier this year. We are also looking forward to welcoming a Teaching Assistant from Welbourn to Ancaster in the New Year.

It goes without saying that this arrangement would not have been possible without a strong team in place at Ancaster. The support from our fantastic school staff, and from you all as parents and carers, is much appreciated by the governing body and I hope that we can count on your continued support in 2018 and beyond.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Sally McDowall
Chair of Governors