

1st March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governors of Beechwood Primary School are excited to confirm that Miss S Hunter has been appointed as Headteacher of Beechwood and will join us at the start of the Autumn Term (September).

In the meantime we will be working with her current school, Wescott Infants in Wokingham, to achieve a smooth transition for both schools.

Miss Hunter undertook an exhaustive and comprehensive day of assessment conducted by Governors who were supported by both Frays Academy Trust and Wokingham Borough Council. The assessment day consisted of the candidates undertaking a number of tasks, such as lesson observation and feedback; administration; Interviews by Governors on a number of aspects of the role of a Headteacher and, probably the hardest task of all, interviewed by the School Council.

All those involved in the assessments were very impressed by Miss Hunter which resulted in the decision to offer the post to Miss Hunter, which she has accepted.

On a personal note, as Chair of Governors, I am looking forward to working with Miss Hunter in the continuing journey of improvements for Beechwood and I have every confidence that she has the right skills, enthusiasm and motivation together with Staff, Governors and Parents, to achieve great things for Beechwood and most importantly, for our pupils.

Miss Hunter is a National Leader of Education and as such has been involved in various projects in schools across Wokingham and further afield. The additional skills will be of great benefit to all the children at Beechwood. She is currently working at Wescott Infant school, rated outstanding by Ofsted, where she has been Headteacher for some 10 years. Previous to which she has been a Deputy Head and worked as a teacher in a number of local schools around the area. Wescott Infant School has an ASD resource attached and Miss Hunter's experience in SEND provision will be of particular value to Beechwood

In accepting the role as Headteacher Miss Hunter said;"I am absolutely delighted to have been successful and offered the position as Headteacher of Beechwood. I am thrilled to be joining the Beechwood team and look forward to working with the Beechwood community. I am fully aware there are many huge challenges facing me as Headteacher of Beechwood, but I am equally convinced that by working closely together we can overcome them. It is all about the children after all".

Mr Lester Dennis – Chair
Local Governing Body

