Dear Parents

It was with very mixed emotions that I wrote a reference for Rachael when she informed me that she was applying for the post of Headteacher at St Anne’s RC primary in Coventry.

Since appointing her to the post of Headteacher of our lovely village primary in 2019 the governors were always conscious of the fact that for any young, ambitious, aspiring Head, Our Lady’s was always likely to be an important steppingstone on their career path and so it has proved. Naturally I am pleased for Rachael as this represents a promotion to a school about twice the size of Our Lady’s and also moves her closer to home and back into Coventry where she has spent all her career until she moved to Our Lady’s. I know that she has very mixed emotions about this – excited but also sad to be stepping down as our Head. We have been very fortunate and blessed to employ her during 4 turbulent years where she had a ‘baptism of fire’ dealing with Covid. Her calm leadership has been exemplary and I know how much the children, parents, staff and we governors have appreciated all she has achieved for Our Lady’s in her time as Head.

As Chair of Governors I have begun the necessary paperwork required, to recruit a new Headteacher, by informing the diocese and the Executive Leader of the Multi-Academy company that Our Lady’s will be joining in September 2023. They will help and guide us through the process. Rachael is due to take up her new post after Easter 2023 so we may struggle to recruit a suitable replacement for that date but you can be assured that the governing body, with the support of the diocese and the MAC will do all we can to recruit a suitable person for this role.

Meanwhile it remains imperative for all involved with Our Lady’s in any capacity, that we promote and make potential parents aware of our school and encourage those with young children to seriously consider sending them to Princethorpe. To that end I ask you to ‘spread the word’ about our **Open Morning this coming Saturday, November 5th**. This will coincide with the ***‘bulb planting’*** session outside the school fence when I hope many parents and children will give an hour to help transform what has been an unsightly, overgrown area into a splash of colour next spring and for years to come. If you cannot attend in person please consider donating some bulbs for us to plant.

Best wishes

Peter Griffin

Chair of Governors