## **Seely Primary & Nursery School**

Co Headteachers: Mrs S Pearce & Mrs J Newton

12th January 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

After twenty years of leadership here at Seely Primary and Nursery (including eleven years at Seely Infant and Nursery) we have both decided to retire from headship at the end of the summer term this year.

The governors have been informed and will be starting a recruitment process for our replacement and they will keep you informed of the progress on that.

We would like to thank you all, past and present, for your support over the years; which these days even includes the children of children we have taught!

We feel that we have worked really closely with you all in creating this amazing school, of which we couldn't be any more proud. Thank you for that.

We will be leaving the school in July in a really strong position; two deputies and a leadership team who are totally committed to the Seely ethos, dedicated staff and governors who are fully involved in school life.

The teachers have personally told their own classes our news today and we will follow-up with discussions with the children in the next few days.

Please see the following message from our Chair of Governors.

Dear Seely School Community. It is with sadness for their departure and happiness for their future that I share news of the resignation of our headteachers Mrs Newton and Mrs Pearce. They are leaving us this summer to take their first steps into retirement. They both joined the school in 2002 as deputies, taking on the role of heads of the infants in 2004, before leading the merger of the two schools in 2013. Their leadership has overseen too many achievements and improvements to list today, the outcomes of which has been a stable, caring and motivating environment for the children of our community to learn in.

The governors and I have immediately started work to recruit a new head teacher(s) who can carry on the legacy and good work. We hope there will be a smooth transition with Mrs Newton and Mrs Pearce retiring in the summer and a new head teacher starting in the autumn term. We will update you when an appointment has been made, in the meantime please join us in thanking them both and wishing them all the best in their well-earned retirements. Kind Regards. Orlando Hampton. Chair, Seely School FGB.

Regards

Mrs Sally Pearce and Mrs Jacqui Newton, Co-Head teachers