



Important Announcement

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governors of Midhurst C of E Primary School are delighted to announce the appointment of a new Head Teacher who will take on the role after Mr Ford's retirement in September.

He is Mr Matthew Barnes, an existing Head Teacher of a Federation of 2 rural schools in Devon.

As a parent of the school myself, I am very aware of the great learning environment that has been established over the years under Mr Ford's leadership. In selecting a new head, we as Governors, were very careful to ensure that the successful candidate would build upon the good parts of the school and find ways to develop and improve learning for all our children. We also wanted to be certain that the new Head Teacher would ensure that learning was creative and fun and that they would have the ability to motivate and inspire the staff.

To help us make our decision we asked all the candidates to:

- perform an assembly,
- speak with the School Council,
- give a presentation on what they thought "Good Learning" should be
- Research and present a plan for developing areas for improvement in our school.
- We cross questioned them on all key areas from details of the curriculum to school ethos and leadership and management skills.

It was a very thorough process and the Governors on the selection panel were unanimous in their decision. This was further corroborated by the staff and children's' responses.

Mr Barnes has a very exciting approach to learning which will equip our children for life in the 21st century and the challenges that this will bring. We believe he is the right choice for Midhurst C of E Primary School for the next phase of its development.

We look forward to welcoming Mr Barnes in September.

Alison Procter- Chair of the Governors

