



The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

St Clement & St James CE Primary School

23rd March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing with some important news about the school.

OFSTED

As you know, an OFSTED inspector visited this week and conducted a one-day inspection. We hope that the result of this will be published soon but in the meantime I would like to put on record that governors are hugely impressed by and grateful to Sue and all the school's staff not just for their hard work and involvement on Tuesday, but for doing such a brilliant job for our children since our last inspection in June 2014.

NEW HEADTEACHER

As you know, sadly Miss Hussey has decided to move on from the school at the end of the summer term. As governors we have been working hard to investigate different options for appointing a new Headteacher and I am delighted I can now let you know what will be happening.

From September, our school will enter into a partnership with St Thomas CE Primary School in Appleford Road. Miss Sarah Bouette, the Headteacher at St Thomas, will become Executive Headteacher of both St Clement and St James, and St Thomas. She comes with a fantastic track record of leading St Thomas from being judged by OFSTED as Good to being judged as Outstanding. The Local Authority and the Diocese of London are both fully supportive of this plan.

Governors have also appointed Mrs Ellie Dowthwaite as full-time Head of School to work under Miss Bouette. Mrs Dowthwaite grew up in North London and is a senior leader at St Thomas' with twenty years' experience of teaching in the local area at schools like Oxford Gardens and Golborne Children's Centre.

This does not mean that our schools are merging, but it will give us the opportunity to share resources and good practice between our schools which will benefit children in both. St Thomas is also a one-form entry Church of England primary school with a very similar ethos to us, and so governors believe that this partnership is an exciting opportunity to build on the excellent work of Miss Hussey and our staff to develop the school.

We will be arranging a coffee morning early next term for you to meet Miss Bouette and Mrs Dowthwaite and so you can ask any questions that you might have. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to chat to me in the playground or contact me through the school.

Yours sincerely

Revd Dr Sean Doherty
Chair of Governors