



KEW RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to report that the governors have appointed our new Head Teacher, Elizabeth Strong. Liz is a dynamic and inspiring leader and we are confident that she is the right person to lead our school forward, to provide the finest, rounded education for all the children. Liz is writing to you separately to introduce herself, while children in Reception and Year 4 will remember her recent assembly on the theme of 'Unity'.

You will get the chance to meet Liz early next term. Initially, she will be working one day a week at Kew Riverside, owing to commitments at her current school, but she will be joining us full-time from Monday 15th March. In the meantime, Nell Webb will continue as Acting Headteacher, working alongside Sam Leir and Sophie McGeoch. Liz will be building on the excellent work carried out by this Headship Team, who will ensure the smoothest of handovers.

It has been so good to have all the children back at school this term. My thanks to all the school staff for keeping the children safe during these difficult times, and for all of your support.

The school has been working hard this term on the School Development Plan (SDP), as explained in the booklet you recently received. The SDP is built around the key priorities identified by the school, and also reflects the feedback you provided in the Spring survey. The plans focus heavily on the quality of teaching and learning, especially in Mathematics and English. The other aspect of the SDP is to enhance the reputation of the school within the community, through effective communications and underpinned by the quality of teaching and learning.

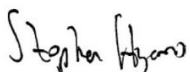
The governors have been very pleased with the progress made to date on the SDP and the exciting future plans, as explained in the booklet. I am confident that our school has a very bright future, one we can all feel proud of, and led by our energetic new Head Teacher, Liz Stong.

It is such a shame we have been unable to put on the usual fabulous Christmas activities, but I hope the children enjoy the Christmas lunch and class parties, Covid friendly of course.

I must once again thank all those who give their time to volunteer for the school. It reinforces the strong sense of community as well as raising valuable funds for the school. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and have an enormous positive impact on the children.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, in spite of the challenging circumstances, and we look forward to the children returning in January.

With best wishes,



Stephen Hyams
Chair of Governors

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