



Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to announce that our search for a new Headteacher has proven successful. After reviewing a strong field of candidates and a rigorous selection process, Guy Fairbairn has accepted our offer to become our new Headteacher.

Guy has been teaching in London for over twenty years: as a class teacher in Southwark and Tower Hamlets. Then, for the last 12 years, in senior leadership roles (Deputy Head, Acting Head and Head of School), in Hackney, Waltham Forest and most recently in Gravesend.

We have been fortunate to be able to negotiate an earlier start than originally anticipated, so Guy will be joining us on 6th June 2016, after half term.

On his appointment Guy said "I am delighted to have been appointed as your new headteacher at Monks Orchard Primary School. For me, a successful school is a school with a strong sense of community, of togetherness and mutual support. A sense that the children come first. During my visits to the school that is what I found at Monks Orchard and it is why I am looking forward so much to working with you all. Having met many of your children already I have seen what a dynamic, enthusiastic and hardworking group of young people they are. Together we are going to make sure they continue to make fantastic progress and are well prepared for their journey through life."

I am sure you will join Governors in welcoming Guy to the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Burke for taking on Acting Headteacher duties over the last few months, and also Tim Rome, who has provided Consultant Headteacher support to the Senior Leadership team. Both will be working with Guy through the summer term to execute a thorough transition from our interim arrangements and lay a strong foundation in readiness for the new academic year.

Yours faithfully,

Chair of Governors.

