19th July 2019

***The Governing body are very pleased to announce that after a very thorough and rigorous selection process that our very own Acting Deputy Head Teacher Mrs Cherry Curle was successful in her application and will be appointed as the new Head Teacher at Engaines Primary School and Nursery.***

***We look forward to continuing to work closely with Mrs Curle to ensure that the school delivers the best possible outcomes for the children in the coming years.***

***Colin Steele, Chair of Governors, on behalf of the Governing Body***

Dear Parent/Carers

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the new Headteacher of Engaines Primary School and Nursery. I feel extremely honoured and priviledged to have been chosen to continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Ms Irwin. For the past six years, I have worked as Deputy Head on the school’s journey from ‘Requires Improvement’ to ‘Good’, so I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is achieved. We have a hugely committed team and wonderful children, which of course, is a great place for a new Head to start!

The needs of the children are always paramount in the life and decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing the children with exciting, creative and meaningful learning experiences, which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. Our beautiful, rural setting enables our children to learn in calm, peaceful and awe-inspiring surroundings. I believe outdoor learning is an integral part of children’s learning, providing ‘hands on’ experiences.

Our school vision is ‘Achieving great things together’. I want all of our pupils to achieve high standards academically aswell as realising personal goals, for example in sport, the arts or leadership skills. Every child deserves to be immersed in an enriched curriculum in order for them to reach their full potential. This will be a focus in the coming year with the introduction of the ‘Engaines Challenge Programme’.

I am also keen on building a whole school community, which thrives on mutual respect and values positive relationships. I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. As key educators in your chilren’s lives, I feel that is is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your concerns, worries or thoughts about the school. You can be assured that as Headteacher, I have high expectations of behaviour, which will be implemented in order for children to progress fully in their learning.

Please do come up and introduce yourselves outside school – I will be at the gate before and after school each day. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Cherry Curle