



# Eastchurch Primary School

Welcome to the first newsletter of the New Year,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the children back after the Christmas break and introduce us to you as the new Head Teacher and Deputy Head at Eastchurch Primary School.

Firstly let me begin by saying what a privilege it is to have been chosen to lead this school forwards in the next part of its journey. Our philosophy in education is to ensure that children's spiritual, moral education and physical well being are at the heart of all we do. We believe strongly that all children should enjoy learning, be actively engaged in their learning and know what experiencing success looks and feels like, are motivated, make consistent progress and have high expectations of what they can achieve so they can succeed in their chosen future.

Underpinning this is the provision of a rich, exciting learning experience for all children and this cannot be done in isolation, as the school should be at the heart of its community. Therefore we will be seeking your views as we meet and get to know as many of you as we can over the next few weeks and months. We plan to be around or in the playground as much as possible before school to meet you so please come up and introduce yourselves to us.

The importance of the family and children and their learning is crucial therefore we will be seeking ways to actively involve you, the families and parents more in your children's education as well as involving the community in the life of the school. To begin this process we are planning to have a couple of informal coffee mornings/sessions in school, with one during school time on Tuesday 30th January at 9:00 at All Saints and Wednesday 31st January 9:00 at St Clements, so you can pop in and put a face to the name as well as introduce yourselves. These will be opportunities for you to express your views on different aspects of school life to me personally as well as opportunities to offer suggestions on how you think we can build stronger links and partnerships with yourselves and within the community.

Your thoughts and views on how we can all work together in a meaningful way are always welcome. Therefore should you be unable to attend one of the coffee sessions and wish to meet and discuss any aspect of school life, we are always willing to meet so please come into school or call to find a mutually convenient time.

We have lots of exciting plans in the pipeline that we look forward to sharing with you but I understand that on the top of the priority list for the children is a football team! We are working on it!

We have had the opportunity to meet many of the students who have been lovely and have been great at advising us on my interior decoration, apparently the office is lacking a poster of Channing Tatum!

We very much look forward to working with you and continuing to build upon the successes of Eastchurch.

Nicky McMullon and Naomi Ivory

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the new management team here at Eastchurch as well as myself and the new Deputy Head there are two Assistant Head Teachers; Mrs Kincaid at St Clements and Mrs Jacobs at All Saints. Mrs Wiles our Business Manager completes our team and we are currently working together over both sites to ensure consistency and collaboration.

## Dates for the Diary

Dare I say it, but it is rather quiet for the coming weeks. However please watch this section for further details in the coming weeks as we begin to fill up the diary.