



A New Year message from Mr Meehan

IT was wonderful over last term working with Mr Austin and the whole staff team at ACE to see just how amazing our Ashford children are! They are a huge credit to yourselves and to the school. With this in mind, I am so looking forward to seeing what we can achieve together this term. And we can! This **"I can" attitude** sits at the heart of our ACE vision, which we have refreshed for this new year as we start 2019 (see below). A focus for us as we begin 2019, with a new *iShare Learning Theme* of **'No Fear'** and as we launch our new refreshed school vision, is that we **expect and aspire to be the best we can be**; this will be seen as we continue to strive for the best achievement, the best attendance, the best behaviour and the best working relationship with our parent community in doing all we can for each child to excel.



I have now worked for a number of years in church schools, and I have a core, unwavering belief that the heart of our job in school is to support every child to find their gifts and talents, to embrace their God-given uniqueness and to shine brightly in being everything God created them to be. We have adopted this Bible verse to be in line with our school vision, which captures this succinctly:

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength *Philippians 4 v13*

My hope and prayer for us as we start the new year is that no fear, no excuses, no lack of belief, no barriers, will hold us back from seeing a school in which all children, all families and the whole school community **"believe, achieve and succeed"**.

Have a great 2019! We look forward to working with you and bringing out the best in your child.

Our new ACE vision for 2019

Believe, Achieve and Succeed

We are a caring Christian community where everyone adopts an "I can" attitude; everyone feels valued, safe and loved by God. We celebrate our God-given individuality, achievements and talents and we aspire, with God's help, to become the best that we can be. We believe that each one of us has the ability to achieve our highest potential, living and learning in the fullness of God.

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

Philippians 4v13

Weekly Reflection

Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary

Isaiah 40:31

An expected delivery

IT was lovely to see Mrs Morgan at the Carol Service last term.

She is doing very well and missing us all very much

We look forward to seeing her back in school after her Maternity Leave.



Dates for the diary

- 17 January—Special lunch
- 18 January—Snow White Panto
- 21 January—Leopard Class led worship
- 30 January—Year 1 African Drumming
- 4 February—Zebra Class led worship
- 5 February—Infant Drama Workshop
- 11 February—Elephant Class led worship
- 15 February—Inset Day, school closed
- 18 February—Half term begins