



# ACE ... In Touch

Newsletter from the Governors

July 2018

## Message from the Chair of Governors...

As another school year draws to a close it's, once again, time to say goodbye to our Year 6 children as they head off to Secondary school. On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to wish them, and the staff members who are also moving on, well for the future.

This term has seen SATS, Phonics checks, assessments, school trips, moving up day, arts week and much more. The children, and staff, have worked hard and our thanks go to them all. Do encourage your children to keep reading and engaged with learning through the summer, ready for the challenges and opportunities of the new school year.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable summer.

*Phil Wells, Chair of Governors*

## Thank you Mrs Dyer

After 7 years as Headteacher here at ACE it's with much sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Dyer. Our immense gratitude must go to her for all the work she's done during this time to completely transform the school, not only into the bright and welcoming school we know today but also a "Good" school with a strong Christian ethos. The changes she has led will leave a lasting legacy for many years to come. We are thankful for her commitment to ACE and the passion and hard work she's put into our school over the last 7 years. We wish her well in her new challenge.

Thanks must also go to Mr Dyer who has been a valuable "volunteer" overseeing the schools IT systems and other projects.

**Thank you!**



## 2018-19 Senior Leadership Team

As previously announced we are delighted to be welcoming Mr Neil Meehan to Ashford as Executive Headteacher, working with Mr Richard Austin as Acting Head of School, while we seek to recruit our new Headteacher. Miss Beacham will be leaving us for a while next year as she and her husband Mr Dodman welcome their first child in October, while we will miss her in school we're excited for them as they begin this new chapter of their lives.

To further support our Senior Leaders we are also pleased to announce the appointment of 2 Assistant Heads. Mrs Lesley Bailey has been appointed to the role of Acting Assistant Head for Key Stage 1 and Early Years (Infants) and Mrs Lizzie Wayland will be joining us as Acting Assistant Head for Key Stage 2 (Juniors).

**Acting Executive Headteacher:** Mr Neil Meehan

**Acting Head of School:** Mr Richard Austin

**Deputy Headteacher:** Miss Hannah Beacham

**Acting Assistant Head for Key Stage 2 (Juniors):** Mrs Lizzie Wayland

**Acting Assistant Head for Key Stage 1 and Early Years (Infants):** Mrs Lesley Bailey

**Inclusion Leader / SENCO:** Mrs Florence Bance

**School Business Manager:** Mrs Wendy Pyke

We believe that this team will provide strong leadership for the year ahead and look forward to working together.

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