

STEDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher
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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted and proud to be able to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Stedham Primary School. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been asked to continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Mrs Dreckman. The opportunity to lead a rural, village school was one I could not turn down. I have known Stedham for a number of years and have always felt that, because of the size of the school, each teacher had a really special relationship with every child. This, in turn, has allowed them to teach a bespoke education tailored to each pupil.

With significant challenges ahead of us, such as the work to the hall roof and the consultation, it will undoubtedly be a very busy but exciting year ahead.

Prior to this appointment, I spent twelve years as a Deputy Headteacher at Easebourne C.E. Primary School. Being a father of two boys, 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 any new Head to start!

I am pleased to share that Sarah Palmer, the longstanding Headteacher at Camelsdale Primary School has been appointed as Executive Headteacher, who, with her wealth of experience, will mentor my headship over this academic year. This is incredibly reassuring and I am convinced that Stedham Primary will benefit by the extra help and support of such an experienced Head.

The needs of the children are always paramount in the life and decision making within a school. I strongly believe in providing pupils 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. I think it is crucial to involve the children and their families as partners in their education. 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 really is in order for children to find school a rewarding experience. As key educators in your children's lives, I feel it is important that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and allocate time to listen to your thoughts, concerns or worries.

You can be assured that as Headteacher, I will strive to create the best education for your child whilst they are members of our school family. I am hoping that you will join me on Friday September 6th at 3.30pm (or 6.30pm) when I will share our collective vision for Stedham. It will also give me a chance to meet you in person.

Yours faithfully

Mr Malcolm Meaby



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