

20<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Dear Parents

Governors thought it was important that we write to you to update the situation regarding the Head teacher vacancy at Sharmans Cross Junior School.

When Mr. Pratt resigned just before the Easter break, the Director of Education in Solihull asked governors to delay the recruitment of the Head teacher post. This was because the Local Authority asked Sharmans Cross Junior School governing body to consider 'federation' with Streetsbrook Infant School. The Director of Education came to our Full Governing Body meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and discussed this with governors. We then held an extraordinary Full Governing Body meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May to discuss this in full.

A significant majority of governors were not in favor of this proposal as there were no advantages or benefits to Sharmans Cross Junior School.

This means we are now in a position to appoint a Head teacher to Sharmans Cross Junior School. The advert will go out in the first week of the Autumn term and we plan to interview during the last week of September. We did think about putting the advert out sooner, but were advised that we were unlikely to get many applicants before the summer holidays.

Jane Ferguson will be acting Head teacher from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and will be supported by Trudi Boon who will be acting Deputy Head. Governors have absolute confidence that they will do a sterling job.

With best wishes



Fiona McGruer  
Chair of Governors