

05/09/2017

Dear Ellingham Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all had a great summer break, and your children are eager to return to school, and ready to experience all of the exciting learning opportunities that the team have been preparing for them.

Unfortunately, Mr Atherton has been signed off sick by his GP. I am sure you will want to join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

The successful education of the children at Ellingham remains the governors' top priority. The governors, and representatives of the local authority, have secured the support of two experienced Head Teachers for the Autumn term, who will work alongside the school leadership team at Ellingham. Mr Light will be Acting Head Teacher during Mr Atherton's absence, and will be responsible for the day to day running of the school.

Mr Hutchings is the Head Teacher of the Outstanding Sheen Mount Primary School in Richmond. He is a highly experienced leader, having held leadership roles in several successful primary schools. Ofsted identify Sheen Mount as delivering outstanding academic outcomes for children, as well as providing outstanding opportunities for personal development.

Ms Newton is the Head Teacher of King Athelstan Primary School in Kingston, which has just received its second Ofsted Good judgement. She has taught and led in Kingston school for over 20 years. Ofsted recognised Emily's impressive leadership style and strong moral purpose, which have led to continuous improvements in the outcomes and experiences of children at King Athelstan.

Mr Hutchings and Ms Newton will, between them, provide leadership support for 5 days a week throughout the Autumn term. You are invited to attend an informal meeting with the whole school leadership team on either

Thursday 7th September 2017 3.15-4pm or

Friday 8th September 2017 9.05-9.45am

Please return the slip below to indicate which meeting you plan to attend, so that we can ensure there is enough seating.

As ever, if you have any questions or queries about your child in school, you should contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. It is the beginning of another exciting year at Ellingham and we will ensure that you have regular updates about your child's learning throughout the term.



Zoe Gallimore

Chair of Governors

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Name:

Child's name:

Child's class:

email response to: office@elp.rbksch.org