



St. Michael's C.E. (Controlled) Junior School

Church Lane East, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 3SS

Headteacher: Mrs Steph Tyler

Inspired by Him, we serve the community of St Michael's by creating an inclusive learning culture where all differences are respected, where courage is shown to face and overcome adversity, and resilience is embedded in our journey to success so we can be the very best we can be.

24th May 2021

Dear Parents

Headteacher News

As you will be aware, the Governors are currently in the process of recruiting a Headteacher to replace me when I leave at the end of this academic year. I am sure the Chair of Governors will be informing parents once there are any specific details to share with you, but I am able to let you know in the meantime that there will, in fact, be an Interim Headteacher in place for the Autumn Term. We are very fortunate that another local, extremely experienced Headteacher, Mr Mark Sammes, has agreed to step into the role to ensure stability for our school before a permanent Headteacher is appointed. He will be in post here from September for the term. I have asked him to produce a pen portrait for you, as we always do with new teaching staff, and I have reproduced this below. His school community is being told at the same time as ours.

Mark has been in school meeting with me today as we start the process of looking ahead to September to ensure transition for everyone in the community is smooth. I am sure that he will join me on the playground one morning soon, as well as in school to meet the children in their bubbles and he will of course feature in any video recordings we provide relating to information for the next academic year. Please join with me in welcoming him to the St Michael's Junior School Community.

Mrs Steph Tyler

Headteacher

Pen Portrait – Mr Mark Sammes, Headteacher

I have been Headteacher at Manor Junior School since September 2003. Prior to this I have had 'numerous' years in the teaching profession with a variety of roles, responsibilities, and experiences(!) working in Surrey Schools. I am very much in favour of collaboration between schools and within the local community as this brings many benefits to the pupils and school itself. As such, I was the chair of Rushmoor Schools Plus for approximately 10 years leading a number of initiatives for all Rushmoor Schools. I am currently actively involved in the Farnborough Schools Cluster helping to co-ordinate the HT meetings, co-ordinating joint INSET training opportunities and currently setting up the DSL network support group.

I am a firm believer of the value of extra-curricular opportunities and the use of outdoor environment to support learning experiences. I am therefore looking forward to rebuilding 'Clubs' in school as the pandemic restrictions hopefully begin to ease.

At Manor we have the ideology of ENJOY, LEARN, ACHIEVE and children being the best they can be. The current national focus on a broad and balanced curriculum and raising the importance of the foundation subjects is fundamental to bringing about the enjoyment to much of school and is a way into developing real lifelong learning skills. Equally, we share many similar values to those as embedded at St Michael's Junior - Courage, Resilience and Respect.

I am looking forward to spending next term with your school to provide stability and focus on your development journey as you prepare for the appointment of a new permanent Head.

