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Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to update you about the recruitment of our new Headteacher as the advert has just gone live.

The governors and staff remain ambitious for the school and enthusiastic in wanting to sustain and build upon the high standards already achieved by Mrs Baker. We are looking for a new Headteacher who will share our vision that, building on the strong foundations we have, even more can be achieved by our pupils.

This is a pivotal role at an exciting time for the school with the extension of our age range to include Nursery and a return to a four-class structure. As a school and community our next Headteacher, like Mrs Baker, needs to be one who has energy, passion and creativity to drive innovation while leading the team, exemplifying excellent teaching practice and delivering our vision. Some other key qualities that we will be looking for in the recruitment process are:

- A Headteacher who can excite, inspire and challenge our children to become confident, independent, lifelong learners
- A Headteacher who is a highly skilled practitioner and who wants to make a real difference to children's lives
- A Headteacher who is visible, inspirational and has a collaborative approach to leadership
- Someone who is ready to share and learn with our parents, staff and governors and be a pivotal part of our school community

Please feel free to share this vacancy within your networks. The closing date for applications is the 17th May and the start date will either be September 2023 or January 2024 depending on the notice period required. Should it be January 2024, Oxfordshire County Council and the Diocese, who are working closely with us on the recruitment process, will ensure we have the appropriate support to enable us to move forward effectively.

I would just like to take the opportunity once again to say we are so sorry to be losing Mrs Baker, and we thank for her for the hugely positive impact she has had at Kirtlington CE Primary School.

Thanks for your continued support of the school and we will provide further updates as the recruitment process develops.

If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Zoe, who is the parent governor on the recruitment panel. Our contact details are below.

Kind regards

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