



**Baydon St. Nicholas**

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Family, Faith, Celebrating Achievement

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A press release for all children, parents, residents of Baydon and the surrounding villages from Lesley Whelan Chair of Governors of Baydon St Nicholas Primary School.

This morning (Wednesday 20th January 2016) Mr Chambers, Head teacher of Baydon St Nicholas Primary School, announced to the children and staff his decision to retire. He will be leaving the school at the end of term 6 on Friday 22nd July 2016.

Mr Chambers has led our school for 24 years, brilliantly supporting and guiding children through their primary years of education with such skill and dedication. He is a role model for the school motto of Family, Faith and Celebrating Achievement. He has created a lasting legacy, building a great team of teachers and support staff, giving the school a strong platform to move forward with.

Mr Chambers said "I have spent 24 happy years at the school and have worked with many wonderful staff, children, parents and a very supportive Governing Body. I have seen the school grow tremendously, not only in pupil numbers but also in the cementing of relationships between the community and church.

It has been an honour and privilege to lead this school for such a long time to see children develop and flourish and be happy in their learning.

I shall be very sorry to leave but I know I am leaving it in the safe hands of the Governing Body."

We have started the process to recruit a new head teacher working with consultants from the diocese and local authority developing our plans to secure a new exceptional leader for our school in September 2016.

We recognise this announcement may lead to questions and to support this our Parent Governors Emma Harton -Carter, Amanda Hodey and Foundation Governors Paula Bartlett and Fiona Smart will be available before and after school this week to answer as many questions as they can.

We want the children, staff and parents to be fully briefed on the succession plan and we will send out a further communication on Monday 25th February outlining the recruitment timetable.

There will be many opportunities to look forward however today let us look back on an exceptional career.

As we move closer to Mr. Chambers retirement date we will join together to celebrate his outstanding contribution to our school and community.

Lesley Whelan  
Chair of Governors