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Dear Parents and Carers,

Leadership Update at Chaddlewood Primary School

As we approach the end of the term, I wanted to provide you with an update on leadership at the school. After 29 years as Headteacher, Mrs Sarah King will be stepping down from her role at the end of this academic year to take up a very well-deserved retirement.

Mrs King has been a pillar of the school community for several decades, leading Chaddlewood to secure its 'Good' Ofsted rating in 2022, with behaviour and attitudes and personal development both rated as 'Outstanding'. In the summer term, we will be taking the time to mark Mrs King's Headship and her exceptional contributions to the school, however I know you will all join me now in thanking her for her enduring commitment and service. She will be greatly missed by pupils and staff alike.

We are pleased to announce that Mr Joe Hardman, who as you know has been Acting Headteacher since September 2025, will continue in this role. I am confident that he will continue to ensure Chaddlewood is a place where pupils enjoy their learning and can thrive. Mr Matthew Stace, Headteacher at Boringdon Primary School, will provide ongoing support to Mr Hardman and the Senior Leadership Team, as will the central team at WeST.

In the Spring term, we will be launching a national recruitment exercise to appoint a substantive Headteacher who will ensure the school continues on its positive trajectory. I will provide you with any updates on this as appropriate.

May I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year.

Yours sincerely,



Nat Parnell
Deputy CEO
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