



Kents Hill Junior School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to share the news that Mr Tipper has been successfully appointed to his first headship and will be taking up the position at Westborough School from September.

While we are, of course, incredibly sad to see him leave, this is a truly well-deserved achievement and one that we are immensely proud of. Mr Tipper has made a significant and lasting impact during his time at Kents Hill Junior School. Through his dedication, expertise and commitment to both our children and staff, he has played a key role in strengthening behaviour across the school, helping to establish the calm, positive and purposeful environment we see every day.

This exciting next step is a natural progression in his career and it is now his time to lead and make a similarly positive difference in his own school community. Although he will be greatly missed, we fully support him in this opportunity and know he will be an exceptional headteacher.

We kindly ask that you share this news with your child at home, in a way you feel is appropriate for them. Mr Tipper will remain with us until the end of the academic year and there will be opportunities closer to the time for us to celebrate his contribution and say a proper farewell.

In the meantime, I know you will join me in congratulating him on this fantastic achievement and wishing him every success in his new role.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss J Parkes
Headteacher

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At Kents Hill Junior School we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Designated Safeguarding Lead – Miss Joanne Parkes

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