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February 9th 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Term 3 has ended today and all the staff at Staplehurst School are - I am sure - looking forward to a rest. We are now half way through the current academic year.

This has been an unusual term because we have been faced with the absence through ill health of our Headteacher Mrs Cathy Farthing for practically the whole term. Happily, our new Deputy Headteacher - Mrs A Stevenson - joined us here at Staplehurst at the beginning of the term looking forward to beginning her induction into her new role as a Deputy Headteacher. Owing to Mrs Farthing's absence Mrs Stevenson has been on the steepest of learning curves as she has assumed the necessary role of Acting Headteacher throughout the term.

The Governors wish to place on record how grateful we are to Mrs Stevenson for taking on this very new role and for the wonderful support she has received from the whole staff to ensure that the school continues to function efficiently and well. I know that Mrs Stevenson has felt welcomed and supported by the whole school community. We take seriously our school motto - that Staplehurst is a school "*Where children come first*" and I know that all of the staff at the school - have worked very hard to continue to put your children first.

However a school is more than the children and the staff. It is also represented by yourselves, by the parents and carers in our community who support us so wholeheartedly and who have continued to do so through what has been a challenging term. Thank you all so much for being so positive and supportive over the last few weeks.

We wish Mrs Farthing well and hope her health improves, and we will of course inform you all as soon as we have any further news about the leadership of the school in the coming three terms.

Yours Sincerely,

Chris Roome

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Chair of Governors