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## Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents / Carers

After a busy few weeks of advertising, showing candidates around, shortlisting, taking up references and a thorough interview process yesterday, we can confirm that our Governing Body have appointed Mrs Julie Ball, our current Deputy Head, to be the new Head Teacher at Hill Top from September following my retirement this Summer.

This is an exciting time for Hill Top and I have every faith that Mrs Ball will do a great job in leading Hill Top on to the next part of its development. Key to the Governors decision was the fact that Mrs Ball was keen to build on the ethos and vision of our school where children enjoy their learning and they leave Hill Top with memorable experiences.

Our vision of 'loving to learn and learning to love' remains an absolute priority for our Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team as they move Hill Top onwards.

No doubt, over the next few weeks and months, there will be an awful lot more meetings between myself and Mrs Ball to enable her to absolutely hit the ground running in September (I hear she has bought new trainers to facilitate this!)

Thank you to all of you who have sent good wishes on hearing about my retirement - it has meant a lot. My sense of relief that I'd actually made the decision to retire has quickly been taken over by a sense of sadness that has been perpetuated by your kind words!

Kind regards

Des Martin Head Teacher

Headteacher Mr D P Martin
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