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Mrs. L.A.Hardman, Headteacher

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Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to announce that, following interviews on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, the governing body has appointed Mr Gary Stanley to the position of Headteacher at Bishop Wood C of E Junior School from January 2018. Mr Stanley is currently Deputy Headteacher at Cassiobury Junior School in Watford and has worked previously at Wendover C of E Junior School.

Mr Stanley's appointment follows a rigorous selection process where candidates were assessed on their performance across a wide range of activities. The selection panel was impressed at interview by his thorough knowledge of Bishop Wood School and by his vision for the school as the next Headteacher. We are excited about what he will bring to the leadership of our school and we are looking forward to working with him.

As you are aware, Mrs Hardman will be leaving the school at the end of the summer term. The governing body has been working closely with the school to ensure that robust acting arrangements are in place for the autumn term and we are extremely grateful to Mr Hall for agreeing to take on the role of acting Headteacher in the interim period to January 2018 before Mr Stanley takes up his post.

As we prepare to say goodbye to Mrs Hardman at the end of next week, I wanted to take this further opportunity to thank her, on behalf of the whole school community, for the hard work and dedication that she has given to Bishop Wood School over the last thirteen years. There will be a final opportunity for parents and carers to show their appreciation of Mrs Hardman at the end-of-term service in St. Peter and St. Paul Church, which takes place at 12.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Do join us for this service if you are able to.

With best wishes,

Beth Townsend  
Chair of Governors  
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