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"With exploring minds, and faith, we achieve our challenging goals."

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Dear Parents

As you know Ms Maughan will be leaving us at the end of the summer term for what we hope is a long and happy retirement. I am delighted to be able to let you know that we have now successfully appointed a new headteacher, Mr Andrew Beattie, who will be joining us in September.

We were very pleased with the level of interest generated by the advertisement which attracted candidates from around the county and much further afield. The calibre of applicants was very high and after a rigorous interview process lasting two days the Governors were pleased to offer the position to Mr Beattie.

Mr Beattie comes to us from a school in Knowsley, Merseyside but is originally from Whitehaven. Having grown up in the area he is very familiar with the town and West Cumbria.

Mr Beattie will be visiting us here at St James' during the summer term and I know he is looking forward to meeting the children and perhaps some parents, before he takes up his position here as headteacher.

We are very much looking forward to working with Mr Beattie and I'm sure that the children, parents and staff, will join the Governors in extending a very warm welcome to him.

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Gilmour
Chair of Governors

