



CHELLASTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I write to update you on the leadership at CJS.

The first week at CJS is always a busy one, and last week was no exception. As Head of School, it is a real privilege to lead a caring, professional and hardworking staff who work tirelessly for all of the children in our care and constantly support each other.

It is with very mixed emotions that I write to notify you that I will step down as Head of School with effect from 31st December 2019. This is due to securing a substantive and permanent Headteacher role at Swanwick Primary School in Derbyshire, with effect from 1st January 2020. Therefore, the Autumn Term will be my last here at CJS. Whilst there has been a lot of change recently at CJS, the time is right personally for a new challenge.

I have spent more than half of my life serving the Chellaston Community, having joined CJS as a Newly Qualified Teacher in 1995. I will be part way through my 25th year in the profession by the time I leave and have been afforded with some wonderful opportunities, both within CJS, the wider Derby City area and beyond. I have relished working with pupils, staff and governors during this time.

Of course, there is only one reason that anyone would stay in one place for so long, and that is because of the children. Chellaston has changed considerably in the last 25 years, but there isn't a day that goes by where I have not smiled and laughed with the fabulous pupils of CJS. They are super learners, each one of them bringing their own stamp to mark on the school. I shall miss them enormously. We held a special assembly today to inform them of the news.

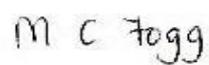
Whilst I love teaching, it will come as no surprise to some of you that the golden moments in my career have been at the end of the Spring Term, when the school production is in full swing. I have been incredibly lucky to have been allowed to work alongside such talented and enthusiastic performers, most notably in my last show, Mary Poppins, which would have been hard to beat. Many children have been asking about a show this year. I can assure you that there is a plan, so watch this space.

Looking ahead to January, PEAK MAT will be working with the governors of CJS to appoint a Head for the school. I thought it was important for me to communicate with parents now, prior to the role being advertised. Please be assured that I will continue to strive for the success of the school, working in partnership with Mrs Price (Deputy Head of School), senior staff and the governors to ensure there is a smooth transition for January. We have many exciting things

planned during this Autumn Term, so I look forward to working with you all in the coming weeks to maintain the strong reputation of CJS.

I wish everyone at CJS all the very best for the future and thank them for everything over the last 25 years.

Thank you for all your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M C Fogg". The letters are slightly slanted and connected in a cursive-like style.

Miss M Fogg
Head of School