



# Reculver Church of England Primary School

Hillborough

Herne Bay

Kent CT6 6TA

Tel: 01227 375907

Fax: 01227 742761

AEN Fax: 01227 283957

E mail: [administration@reculver.kent.sch.uk](mailto:administration@reculver.kent.sch.uk)

Head teacher: Mr J Fox BA Hons, PGCE, NPQH

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs J Ashley-Jones B.A (Ed) Hons

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014

Dear Parents/Carers.

## Rumour-busting!

This is a short letter to quash various rumours which appear to be spreading through the parent body at the moment.

### Rumour 1: I am leaving Reculver to run a Free School in Deal.

This rumour has been set off by various parents reading an article on the front page of a Deal newspaper regarding a group I am working with to improve educational provision in my local area. As with all newspaper articles some aspects were wrong, others were right and some had been 'interpreted' or 'exaggerated'. The facts are as follows:

- I am working with a team of like-minded professionals in the Deal area to improve educational provision in the town.
- The ideas are still at an early stage and are subject the Government approval. Government approval is not automatic and the application process is very long-winded.
- **IF** approved, the school will not open until 2016 at the earliest.
- I am working with this group in my personal time, away from school, so that it does not impact on my work at Reculver.
- As stated in the article, I have no plans to leave my current position at Reculver.

I am totally committed to Reculver Primary, as I have been for the last 18 month and look forward to leading us through the academy conversion and moving us out of special measures as soon as possible.

### Rumour 2: Due to ineffectual leadership my contract has not been continued.

This is not true. I have a permanent contract and having spoken to the Diocese and the IEB, expect this to be transferred during the academy conversion process. The school has made great strides forward during the last 18 months and I hope that my leadership has, in some way, contributed to this. Of course, opinions on this may vary and this is entirely natural.

### Rumour 3: We are losing two Year 6 teachers this year.

This is not true. We will be saying goodbye to two maternity leave cover teachers during Term 6, but neither of these staff members are in Year 6. We have, however, appointed two new additional teachers, one of whom will be teaching in Year 6 next year. Otherwise staffing is stable.

I hope this letter goes some way to offer reassurance to those people who have expressed any concerns.

Yours sincerely

Jon Fox - Head Teacher

