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Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to announce that Miss Jess Peiro will be the new Headteacher at Fir Tree Primary School. Miss Peiro's appointment follows a rigorous selection process involving members of the Local Governing Body, the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust central team (including Sharon Mullins the CEO) and the school team. She is currently Deputy Headteacher at Radley CE Primary School and will be joining Fir Tree after Easter. Until that time the current arrangements will continue, and we thank Mr Watt and Mr Wilcox for their flexibility and ongoing support to our school community.

Miss Peiro wanted to pass on the following message to you all:

I have already had the pleasure of spending time at the school, seeing the wonderful facilities and grounds, and most importantly, meeting some of the children (if any of them mentioned a strange, orange-juggling woman in their assembly, that would be me!). I have been struck by how kind, respectful and inquisitive the children are, and I have already felt incredibly welcome by the warm and compassionate staff team. I am now really looking forward to meeting more of our families and getting to know the wider community that makes Fir Tree such a special place.

Although I will formally take up the role after Easter, I am keen to spend increasing time at Fir Tree between now and then. I want to use this time to listen, learn and get to know the people and community that make the school what it is, so that I can make the most positive and productive start possible.

There is an exciting journey ahead for Fir Tree as we grow into a primary school. But for me, this is about much more than simply becoming a primary school. It is about taking the strengths, values and relationships that already make Fir Tree special and building on them together to create a great primary school - built by many hands, held in many hearts and growing from its strengths. I am very much looking forward to being part of that journey and to working with you all.

With warm wishes

Alex Smith (Chair of Governors) and Sharon Mullins (CEO)