



# Bishop Tufnell CE Schools

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*Learning together, to serve God, His world and His people.*  
*Always our best because everyone matters.*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

This will be my final newsletter to you before I leave the Bishop Tufnell schools at the end of this week. Now, I'm a very lucky man, you know. For the last 29 years, I've been in the most important business in the whole wide world. Well, I think so anyway. I have been able to spend my days learning new things with lots of lovely, funny, entertaining, enthusiastic, beautiful people called primary school children. It's been smashing and I wouldn't have changed a thing. Becoming a teacher and then a Head Teacher has been a tremendous privilege and I have had just the most fantastic and rewarding time.

So what is next for me? Well, I am moving on to become an educational adviser for the Diocese of Chichester with responsibility for Christian Values, RE and Church School Inspection. Instead of making a difference to the lives of hundreds of children in one community, there will be an opportunity for me to make a difference to the lives of thousands of children across 158 schools in West Sussex, Brighton and East Sussex.

However, Bishop Tufnell will always be in my heart and I will continue to pray for everyone here each day as I have done for the last 12 years. The dedicated and talented team of staff at Bishop Tufnell do such a fantastic job with our children here day in and day out and I know that the schools will go from strength to strength on their journey from partnership to federation to amalgamation. A picture of Edward Wyndham Tufnell, the first Bishop of Brisbane, late Rector of Felpham, who founded this school 130 years ago, hangs on my office wall. His flame now passes on to Mr Caughlin for one term and then to Mr Sharp in September. It was an honour to have held it for a little while.

All in all, I've had a pretty marvellous time of it. I have worked with many wonderful colleagues, including all my friends across the Felpham and Bognor locality of schools, and so many super children and parents. I have memories to treasure, having put on dramatic productions, trained sports teams, led residential visits, played Father Christmas, dug ponds, organised quizzes, been pelted in the stocks and even addressed the Bishops of the Church of England!

I have been totting up a few approximate statistics from my last 29 years in education:

- Return journeys to and from school – 6,500
- Playtimes and Lunchtimes – 11, 500
- School Trips and Outside Visits – 1,100
- Emails and Letters – 100, 000+
- Acts of Collective Worship – 5,750



- Parent Consultation Evenings - 168
- Staff Meetings – 2,250
- Greatest Schools in the Whole Wide World – 2 (Bishop Tufnell CE Infant School and Bishop Tufnell CE Junior School)

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness to me over the last few weeks and for the lovely cards and gifts I have been receiving. It would be great to see you one last time at either the Infant Easter Egg Hunt after school on Wednesday or the Junior Easter Services at St. Mary's Church on Thursday.

I will miss everyone at Bishop Tufnell very much and I will never forget my time here. Thank you and God bless you all.

Much love,

S Morton 

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