



# Welshpool Church in Wales Primary School

Newsletter Spring Term Number 6/Cylchlythyr 6 Tymor yr Gwanwyn

Monday 13th February 2023/Dydd Llun Chwefror 13eg 2023

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### GOODBYE FROM ME!

This week is my last week as Headteacher of Welshpool Church in Wales Primary School and the final newsletter that I will be writing. So, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families and pupils of WCIWPS for their love and support during my time as headteacher.

I have loved working with you all, and feel so lucky to have shared the children's journeys through school for as long as I have.

I have been a headteacher in the Welshpool area for nine years, and during that time it has been a privilege to watch your children grow and thrive. It is hard to say goodbye to a career in teaching that started in 1994, but I am glad to know that I will still be able to come and visit the school and catch-up with children and staff through my role working with Church in Wales Schools.

I know that I am leaving the school in a very good place; following a glowing Estyn report last year, and in the extremely capable hands of Mrs Tuffin as Acting Headteacher, with the support of Miss Terry as Acting Deputy Head. I know that all the staff and governors will continue to work hard for the pupils and the families our school serves, and I will watch (with pride) as the school will undoubtedly go from strength to strength.

Goodbye everyone, and see you soon!

### FILMING AT SCHOOL

The school has been nominated to take part in a film to celebrate the work of inclusive schools.

We are delighted to have been asked to take part in what will eventually be an animated film showcasing the effective work between schools and multi-agencies to ensure the best outcomes for children with additional learning needs.

This filming will take place on Monday 13th February, and will involve professionals from other agencies, such as speech and language, occupational health and physiotherapy.

School staff, governors, parents and pupils will also be interviewed to create an overall picture of the excellent work that WCIWPS and other schools do in improving the life chances for all pupils.



### PARKING

Please can we ask that parents and carers that the parking bays marked with a disabled user sign should only be used if you are displaying a blue badge?

If you are parking there with no badge, please don't be offended if you are asked to move. We have recently had some legitimate blue badge holders who have been unable to park in the disabled bays due to their inappropriate use by non-badge holders.

### V.I.P. VISIT

On Friday 17th February, we are being visited by the Deputy Minister for Social Services Julie Morgan. We are delighted that she is taking the time out of her busy schedule to come and visit our Flying Start setting Tinytots, and to speak to staff and pupils about our exemplary work with Young Carers. Ms Morgan will be accompanied by Council members and by representatives of the local authority including the Director of Education Mrs Lynette Lovell.



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### PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have one vacancy for a parent governor representative on the school's governing body. Nominations are invited from all parents, or those with parental responsibility of registered pupils at the school.

If you wish to nominate yourself, please complete a nomination form that has been emailed to you this week and return it to the school office no later than the end of the school day on **Friday 3rd March**. Nominations received after this date will not be counted. If you wish, you can submit a short personal statement of no more than 200 words, along with your nomination form. Where the personal statement exceeds 200 words, it will be returned immediately to the candidate for amendment. If the personal statement still exceeds 200 words after amendment, then only the first 200 words will be published.

If you require a hardcopy of the nomination form, please request one from the school office.

Also emailed to you will be information relating to eligibility. The term of office of a parent governor is four years from the date of appointment. A parent governor may serve out their term of office if their child leaves the school during the period of their term of office.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, a secret ballot will be held.

The person appointed will be required to complete a Powys County Council enhanced level Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) check and can only attend meetings once a satisfactory check is in place. If they already have a PCC enhanced level check which is in date, then this will be sufficient as only one PCC DBS check is required at the correct level for all posts held.

The person appointed will also be required to undertake Induction and Data Training within one year from the date of election. Failure to do so will result in the person being suspended from the governing body for a period of up to six months before being removed from the governing body.

### GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

You should have received the latest Annual Report to Parents. This gives parents and carers an overview of the school for the preceding academic year. This report has been emailed to all families, so if you have not received your copy, please ask at school and a copy will be emailed to you. If you would like a printed copy, please ask at the school office as we have some in the foyer if you would like one.



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### STRIKE ACTION

We can confirm that the school will be OPEN as normal on Tuesday 14th February as the strike action has been suspended for that day.