



NEW BRECON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Following the decision by Powys County Council to merge Mount Street Infants School, Mount Street Junior School and Cradoc C.P. School, the Council is now moving forward with the plans to establish a new primary school. The aim of this newsletter is to keep you updated on any new developments. Further editions will be issued regularly up until the new school opens.

Appointment of Senior Leadership Team

Following the appointment of Mrs Sarah Court as Headteacher of the new school last term, we are now pleased to announce that further members of staff have been appointed to the school's Senior Leadership Team.

Beth Roberts, who is currently Acting Headteacher at Cradoc CP School has been appointed Deputy Headteacher of the new school, and Aysha Waghorn, who is currently Deputy Headteacher at Mount Street Junior School has been appointed Assistant Headteacher of the new school.

They will be starting their new posts when the new school opens in September, however over the coming weeks they will be working with Mrs Court to continue the process of establishing our new school.

School Name

At their last meeting, the Temporary Governing Body considered the findings of the engagement exercise on the new school name which was carried out before Christmas.

A preferred name has been agreed, however there is a formal process to go through for this name to be confirmed. It is hoped that this will be concluded shortly, and we will then be able to share the new name with you all. Watch this space!

Once the school name has been confirmed, the focus will then turn to a logo. The intention is that pupils will have the opportunity to design a logo. Further information will be shared soon!

Update from Mrs Court

Mrs Sarah Court started her role as Headteacher Designate in January and has already been busy! She has provided the following update on her work so far:

'It has been an exciting start to my new role as Headteacher Designate. During this interim period, I am focussing on developing processes, policies and procedures for the new school opening in September 2024.

I have met with the current headteachers of the three schools, and we have talked about how I can get to know the schools, pupils, staff and parents before September. I have planned in some morning visits for each school over the coming weeks so you may see me in the playground at the start of the day.

I am also having planned tours of each school and will be joining the children at playtime and spending time with the staff over lunch.

I will update you on more planned activities and I am looking forward to meeting you over the next few months.'



Staffing Processes

Following the appointment process for the school's Senior Leadership Team, work will continue on the remaining staffing processes, to ensure that staff are in place ready for when the new school opens in September 2024.

Further information will be shared as these processes move forward.

New School Building

Work is continuing on plans to provide a new building for the new school on the former Brecon High School site on Penlan.

Initial feasibility work has now been concluded, and the Council will soon be going out to tender for companies to work with them on the designs.

Headteacher designate Mrs Sarah Court has also visited the Penlan site with a member of the Property Design Services team.

Further information on these exciting plans will be shared with you as this work moves forward. The development will be jointly funded by the Council and the Welsh Government's Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme.



Membership of the Temporary Governing Body

We are delighted to announce that Angela Thomas has been appointed to the Temporary Governing Body as a Staff Governor.

Angela works as a Teaching Assistant at Mount Street Junior School. She will join the Temporary Governing Body at its next meeting.

Joining the Temporary Governing Body

There are currently vacancies for parents governors on the temporary governing body, so we are currently looking for parents from any of the three schools to join us. This is an exciting opportunity to help shape the future of our new school!

If you would be interested in becoming a parent governor and would like to know more, please contact Jessica Williams or Beth Groves for an informal chat. Their contact details are provided at the end of the newsletter.

If you haven't previously been a school governor, here is an overview of what governors do:

- Agree the aims and values of the school.
- Look at ways of raising standards and promoting effective teaching and learning, so the pupils achieve their full potential.
- Decide what they want the school to achieve (The Vision) and make plans to get there.
- Make decisions about the school's budget and help approve School Development Plans.
- Help to set and review the policies that provide a broad framework within which the Headteacher and Staff should run the school.
- Monitor and review their school's progress.
- Make sure individual pupils' needs are met, including additional needs.
- Produce Action Plans for improvement following school inspections.
- Establish and maintain positive links with the local community.
Support the day-to-day operational decisions of the Headteacher.

Contacting the Temporary Governing Body

The temporary governing body would welcome any comments or suggestions from parents.

If you would like to contact the temporary governing body, you can do so using the following contact details:

- Chair – Jessica Williams – Williamsj2571@cradoc.powys.sch.uk
- Clerk – Beth Groves – beth.groves@powys.gov.uk