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Dear Friends

Governing Body Update

As we approach the festivities and celebrations of Christmas, I'd like to bring our school community up to date and celebrate progress and the investment within school.

I am pleased to confirm that school now has 34 new pupils from the Ukraine attending school throughout all year groups. I'm sure you'll join me in welcoming our new pupils and their parents and carers into our school community.

Our school, under the leadership of Mrs Hamer supported by the Governing Body, has made a number of strategic investments and we are proud that we have been able to invest significant sums of money to purchase:

1. New reading material throughout school
2. Smaller class sizes
3. New IT equipment bringing smart boards into all classrooms and the hall plus additional equipment for our pupils to use within the classroom.
4. Resources to implement the new curriculum.

As you know the entire economic position within the Country is volatile, the Governing Body is and will continue to work with all our stakeholders to balance the education of our children and the school budget. Where possible we will continue to invest in new equipment throughout school.

Moving into 2023 there will be a few changes within school. I'm extremely pleased to announce that that on 25th November 2022 Mrs Hamer was elected as National President of NAHT Cymru for the next 12 months

It is an incredible honour for Mrs Hamer to be elected by fellow Headteachers the length and breadth of Wales to be their voice and is fully supported by Monmouthshire County Council and the Governing Body. Mrs Hamer being awarded this position has definitely put Magor Church in Wales Primary School on the national map and for the correct reasons.

How will this impact school?

Mrs Hamer will still be our Head Teacher and fully responsible for school albeit not on site. Our two assistant head teachers Mrs Gordon and Miss Welsh will be appointed as Acting Head teacher(s) for the year. Both our assistant heads have qualified for headship in the last few years.

This is a similar leadership model to when Mrs Hamer was the Executive head teacher a few years ago.

Mrs Philips will continue as acting assistant head teacher, Mrs Fox-Pritchard who already teaches 3WF 3 days a week will now teach 5 days to cover Miss Welsh's teaching commitment and Miss Arthur will cover Mrs Gordon's teaching commitment.

Our school is incredibly fortunate to have such a robust leadership team who have the full support of the Governing Body and Monmouthshire County Council.

As we approach Christmas, I'm sure you and our children will enjoy the wonderful Christmas celebrations school has planned which includes our children singing at the Frost Fayre, the services at St. Mary's along with the school concerts. Our staff and school have a fantastic record of celebrating Christmas whilst remembering the true meaning of the celebrations.

I would also like to thank our wonderful PTFA for all their fundraising and support to our school; simply without you our school would be so very different.

Finally, I'd like to thank all our staff for your energy, and hard work in making our Magor CiW Primary school the fantastic school it is today. I with the Governing Body look forward to working with you in 2023 and beyond.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2023.

Yours sincerely



Glen Ingleson

Chair of Governors