

**Christine Brown** has worked at Wheelwright Lane for 21 years – from 2001 to present. She became deputy head within a year and has been headteacher since April 2012. Christine has been a strong leader, making a difference to many children and families in the local community. She has demonstrated empathy and understanding for children in challenging circumstances, being an advocate for individualised support for mental health and a passion for staff wellbeing. She has been an excellent Consortium Chair, leading the Bedworth team of schools through many successful initiatives. A little bird shared a few of the things Christine might be focussing on as she leaves headship: anything to do with all thing's eighties, enjoying good food and wine, watching action films and supporting her local political party to bring about change. She will NOT be gardening!

**Debbie Enstone** has been a brilliant member of the Leamington North Consortium over the past three years. She has helped progress both St Peter's RC Primary and Our Ladies and St Teresa's RC Primary through some extremely challenging times and has demonstrated her strong leadership capabilities, always leading from the front, and keeping the best interests of the children at the heart of her decisions. She has been kind, positive and always supportive of others. She has dedicated so much time and effort into improving the lives of the children in her care and making sure her staff have the best opportunity to be successful. We will really miss her as she moves onto new opportunities, and we all wish her the very best for the future. Thanks Debbie

# Thank You

For over 20 years, **Sally Kaminski-Gaze** has been a tireless and formidable advocate for her school. All Saints requires a strong leader, and it is a tribute to her qualities that she leaves it in such a good place. Always having the confidence to speak her mind, Sally would be the first to voice concern but equally give credit when it was due. Sally has seen most things in schools and has given Ofsted inspectors a run for their money on 12 separate occasions! Sally has been a rock for her school community and has become a legend within the consortium of local schools, to which she has given unerring support. Her drive, wisdom and mere presence will be sorely missed.

**Phil Kelly** is in every respect an authentic and inspirational leader. Phil is much loved by students, his own staff, and the wider network of colleagues across Warwickshire upon whom he has made a significant impact. Higham Lane's 'Outstanding' inspection rating is the headline of Phil's achievements, having moved from the old grading of 'Satisfactory' under his leadership, but his legacy will be much more than that to many leaders across our county's education system. Phil has been a mentor, a coach, and a friend to many of those who will be reading this briefing and the camaraderie he has fostered throughout his years in North Warwickshire has been significant. NASCHL colleagues wished Phil a fond farewell in the last meeting of the year last week - we look forward to hearing the stories of his adventures in the months and years to come.

**Jane Le Poidevin** is a brilliant head teacher who has dedicated herself to her staff and her children, ensuring that they receive the very best education possible. She values pastoral care and support for the children just as highly as academic achievement and this is seen in the nurturing school that she has created. In addition to making such a positive difference in her own school, she has supported many of her colleagues, being there to answer questions and offer help whenever needed, in fact this is something that Jane is hoping to focus on following her departure from Paddox. There is no doubt that she has been a great asset to the head teachers of Rugby and beyond and will certainly be missed.

**Chris Marshall** has been at Exhall Grange school since 2004 and headteacher from 2011 and has made a positive difference within school and across the county in many ways, not least in growing Exhall Grange pupil roll to a PAN of 260, to make sure the children of Warwickshire needing an Exhall Grange place can be accommodated. Chris has been the chair of the Special Heads group, is a High Needs panellist and a member of the working party on the new matrix. Chris agreed to provide a base for the Vision Support Service when there was a recruitment need. Chris worked alongside the previous autism and flex learning team to start the Learning Pod, an innovative Resource Provision that has given an educational lifeline to young people who present with complex social communication and interaction difficulties and/or a diagnosis of autism and have acute and chronic emotional or mental health needs as identified by a mental health practitioner. To provide a base for this provision involved providing a new base for Exhall Grange's maintenance team, who now have a very nice purpose-built modular build.