

Are You Ready for Headship in a Primary School?

'Talent alone won't make you a success. Neither will being in the right place at the right time, unless you are ready. The most important question is – "Are you ready?"'

Johnny Carson

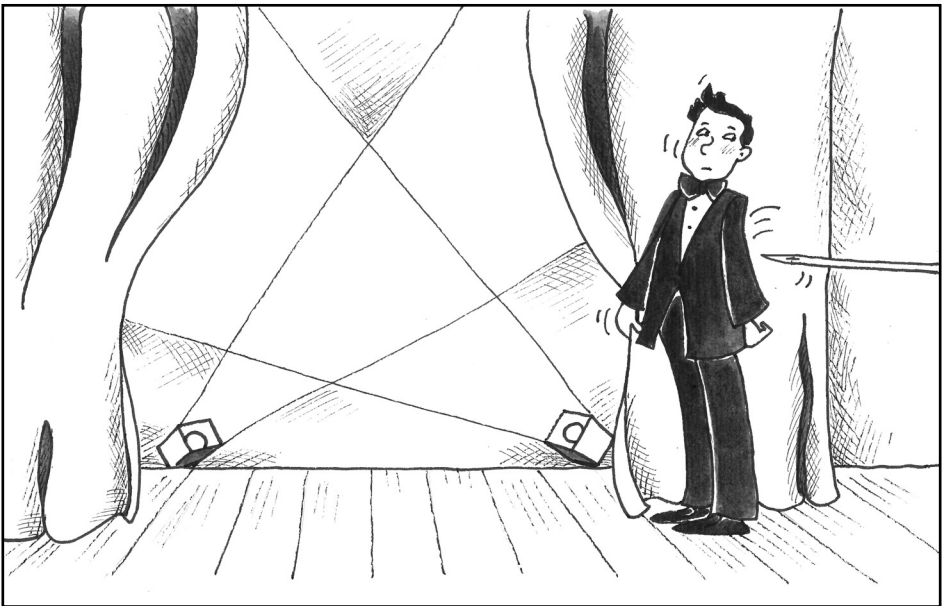
When is anyone ready?

A simple answer might be, 'When others say I am!' – or, perhaps not. When I was first appointed a deputy my then head teacher said in a reference that I 'wasn't ready'. I only know this because somebody later told me. In retrospect, I think he was probably right in that I wasn't ready to do the job; however, I was perhaps ready to start learning to do it and to some extent you can only do that when you are in those shoes – meeting those opportunities and making those mistakes – and hopefully achieving small successes that sustain you.

You won't necessarily know if you are ready.

The real question is do you want to have a go?

If you feel ready for that, then there is nothing holding you back.



'You're on!'