



KALEIDOSCOPE

Multi Academy Trust

Friday 15th December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wrote to you in September, telling you the exciting news that Ashcombe, Becket, Christ Church C of E, Hutton C of E, St Martins C of E and Worle Village Primary Schools had created the Kaleidoscope Multi-Academy Trust. Since then a large amount of work has taken place and I thought that this would be a good time to update you on what has been achieved.

Term 1 started well with the opening of Hutton's new building. It looks fantastic is modern and spacious. The children and staff are enjoying the benefits it brings to all aspects of school life. We were treated to a wonderful outdoor opening ceremony with poems and songs, performed beautifully by the children.

We have planned a wide range of exciting events for our pupils to mix and work together. Some of these have included sporting events such as our recent Tag Rugby Tournament at Becket School. Upcoming sporting events include Archery, Netball, Dance, Orienteering and Athletics. A few of the other planned events include a History Quiz, Science Fair, and Spelling Bee. We also had a joint Firework Night, organised by Christ Church School.

One of the great advantages of working together as a group of schools is the opportunity to develop best practice and share expertise. Staff across all of our schools have worked together in subject networks, staff meetings and during INSET Days. Our staff have been really positive about the benefits working together brings and it highlights the expertise we have in our schools and across Kaleidoscope.

Our Trustees have been meeting at least monthly to focus on key areas of MAT development. Trustees and Members have visited all of the schools during the school day and met pupils, staff and Governors. The Trustees have been overseeing our development and our plan for the year.

In addition to the above, we have also been working hard in the background to create some joint policies and procedures. A big part of this school year has been to set up new finance systems which are suitable for a Multi-Academy Trust.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Bishop, who took on the role of Principal Finance Officer at the start of our MAT. We wish her well for the future. We have recruited two new finance staff, Mrs Walters (from St Martin's) and Mrs Taylor-Brees (from Ashcombe) who will be in post from January.

As you can see, Kaleidoscope has had a busy first two Terms and we look forward to the new year to continue with our development and progress. On behalf of us all at Kaleidoscope, we hope that you have a wonderful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

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