

# January

# Newsletter

## Welcome Back!

Dear Colleagues,

First of all may I wish you all a very **Happy New Year!** The holiday was such that everyone took advantage of the two week break which I am sure all of us were very grateful for, but didn't it go quickly?

Our newsletter for this term gives a glimpse of the very many events that took place at the end of last term and I would like to thank you all for your hard work in supporting these great events. I was lucky enough to attend some of the performances and it was amazing to see children from nursery to year 6 showing off their acting, singing and dancing skills.

We have a very busy term where we are awaiting visits from Ofsted and academies are well prepared to share their achievements with them! The Trust welcomes Christchurch Church Of England Academy, Fenton to the family and look forward to working with the academy and its staff. I know you will give all our new colleagues a warm welcome. Have a great term and know that the central team are all here to support you!

Best wishes, Sue Wedgwood CEO



## Christmas at Holy Trinity!



On Tuesday 18th December Holy Trinity CE Primary Academy invited residents from Llysfield, Fairholme and Ashwood residential homes to join them for an afternoon of Christmas activities. Staff at Holy Trinity thought it would be nice to offer their elderly friends in the community the chance to get out and experience a little bit of school life at Christmas.

As a church school, the children had been focusing on 'service to others', as one of our Christian values in school. Festivities started as the staff and children welcomed the residents to school and escorted them to the hall ready for the afternoon to begin. The Nursery children started proceedings singing 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star'. The children from Year 4 paid a visit to the hall to make 'Christingles' with the visitors and the Rev. Paul Darlington from Holy Trinity Church said a Christingle prayer.

Children from Year 5 had written a letter for every visitor, telling them what they had been doing in school and what they were hoping to get for Christmas. This turned into a chance for the children and visitors to have a chat and get to know each other.

There were also Christmas songs performed by children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 and Years 5 and 6.

The afternoon ended with all the visitors being given a little Christmas party bag from the school PTA containing a Christmas card and snowflake tree decoration as a memento of their visit.

The visit would not have been possible without the help of Oswestry Dial A Ride, Higgins taxis and members of staff to enable as many residents as possible to join them.

This has been really nice, helping the elderly people have a nice time. Rui - Year 6. "It was a wonderful afternoon as some of our residents don't have the opportunity to leave the nursing home, thank you!" - Carer from Fairholme.

Well done to Mason at Churchfield Academy for his poem  
 – his reflections on **Remembrance Day**



When we all die

When we all die the war will stop  
 When bombs have been thrown  
 from the top  
 When we all die people pray  
 People start to betray  
 When we all die

Very long ago  
 Leaves start to blow  
 We all start to cry  
 When we all die

When we all get stronger  
 The war will last longer  
 The sound of the crying  
 They all kill when were lying  
 People get sadder when we all die



SANDWELL EARLY  
 HELP PARTNERSHIP  
 MEMBER



This is to certify that

St Johns C of E Primary Academy

is a member of the Sandwell Early  
 Help Partnership at Gold Level.

Sandwell Early Help Partnership members  
 commit to delivering the very best help to  
 children, young people and families at the  
 earliest point, through working effectively  
 with other support organisations and  
 following the principles and practices of  
 good partnership working.



Jon Grant  
 Chair of the Sandwell Early Help Partnership  
 Steering Group



**Sandwell Early Help Partnership Member**

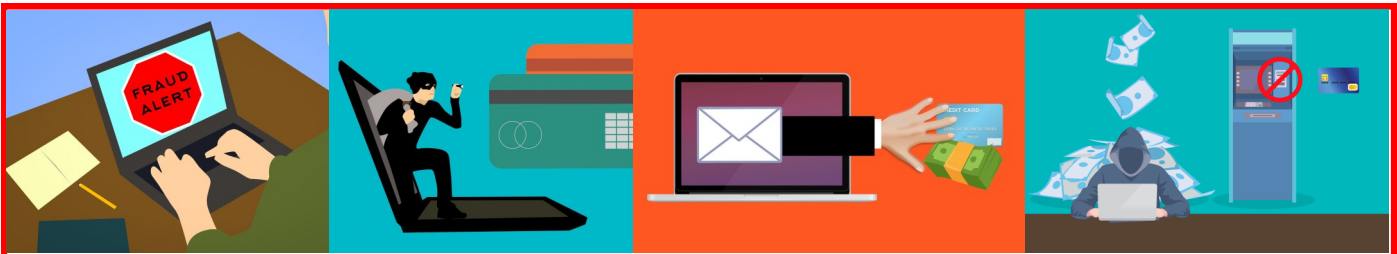
Congratulations to St John's CE Primary,  
 Wednesbury on gaining a Gold Award for Early Help  
 in Sandwell.

This is a clear acknowledgment of St John's  
 participating effectively in bringing their families  
 together through the Early Help partnership. This  
 enables families more opportunities to engage with  
 services within Sandwell.

Sarah Cockshott, Executive Principal shared that  
**"Emma Jones, our family support worker, is doing  
 a cracking job!"**

**Well done Emma and St John's!**

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 enjoy and achieve family healthy



Thank you all for the positive feedback we have received in relation to the Fraud Awareness Training which was delivered to Principals, Heads of School and Business Managers in November by the Lloyds team. The methods which are used by fraudsters are becoming increasingly sophisticated so it is imperative that we all operate with increased vigilance.

Some of the prevalent types of fraud being committed are;

- 1) CEO fraud or Identity fraud - where a senior leader is impersonated via email/text and in turn convince an individual in the finance department to execute unauthorised bank transfers or to send out confidential personal information.
- 2) Supplier fraud – where correspondence is received claiming to be from a suppliers, requesting changes to the bank details which payment is sent to.
- 3) Device take over – this can be combatted by ensuring that anti-virus and malware protection is regularly updated.

When any correspondence is received relating to urgent payments or supplier bank details, please ensure that all requests are verbally verified with the senior leader/supplier using verified contact details (i.e. from internal systems or from a website, not from the email/text received).

We have produced a procedure to assist academies in managing supplier set up/amendment requests which will be disseminated once testing has been concluded.

Here is a link to Lloyds Fraud Awareness page for the most up to date tips and advice; <https://www.lloydsbank.com/business/security.asp>.

If you have any concerns regarding payments made on Commercial Banking Online, please contact the Commercial Banking Online Helpdesk on 0808 202 1390 and contact the St Chad’s office on 01543 622433.

**If you are ever in any doubt, please do not hesitate to contact us!**



**Father Tim and the Fellowship Team at Dawley have written an academy prayer:**

*Heavenly Father thank you for Dawley Academy.*

*Please make our Academy a loving place where people are kind, caring and respect each other.*

*Help us to trust each other so we are a learning and close community.*

*Give us hope so that we want the best for each other and for our Academy.*

*And please make our Academy a calm and happy place of peace, which we can all share. In Jesus’ name, Amen*



## Education & Skills Funding Agency

Education Secretary Damien Hinds has announced extra funding to help local councils support pupils with SEND.

The government has been under increasing pressure over the lack of funding available to schools for supporting pupils with SEND.

Mr Hinds said:

“We recognise that the high needs budget faces significant pressures and this additional investment will help local councils to manage those



pressures, whilst being able to invest to provide more support.” LAs will receive an extra £125 million this year and a further £125 million in 2019/2020 to top up high needs budgets for maintained schools and academies. Paul Whiteman, general secretary of the NAHT, said that “on its own, this extra funding is not enough”.



Inspectors could call schools just before 10:00 and arrive just after 12:30 the same day in a new regime proposed for the new Ofsted inspection framework. Currently,

schools are told the afternoon before inspectors arrive, giving them the opportunity to prepare before Ofsted enters the school. Mary Bousted, the joint general secretary of the NEU, said:

“If this is what Ofsted proposes, then I think school leaders will be concerned by it”. “Given the scale of change that Ofsted is proposing with its new framework, I think it is only common courtesy for school leaders to be given at least 24 hours before visiting to give them time to prepare and collect their thoughts.”

The full details of Ofsted’s proposals for the new inspection framework will be revealed when it launches a consultation in January 2019.



# Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Ruth Owen, Business Manager at St John's CE Primary, Wednesbury**, who passed her Level 3 Diploma in Business Administration AND in under three months too! Well done Ruth!

**Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Welton** (both of Trinity Church of England Primary School) on the arrival of their beautiful little girl, Ziazan Welton - 8lb 4oz!

A blessing for the **Welton** family!!!



## Telford Community Pride AWARDS

Dawley CE Primary Academy were nominated in the schools' category of the Telford Community Award because of the work Dawley has undertaken independently with the local community to look after Dawley Park.

The park is directly opposite the academy and is where all children in the academy do their daily run!

Years 3 and 4 regularly litter pick at the park. Many children have worked to make the park both safe and attractive. They have been involved in planting, willow weaving and a clean-up campaign.

Well done Dawley pupils, we are very proud of you!

# Dawley's 1980's Craze



December saw the end of a distinguished career of one of Dawley CE teachers. Denise Wallace retired after a 38 year career at the Academy, where she started as an NQT in 1980 and finished her time as successful SENCO, RE Lead and Nursery teacher. Denise had a huge impact on the children and community of Dawley, teaching many grandparents and parents of children at the Academy. A special day was held in recognition of the impact she had at the Academy, aptly named 'Dee Day' which focused on the 1980s, hence the outfits!

## Events

- ⇒ Tuesday 29th January Maths QLC
- ⇒ Wednesday 30th Jan English QLC
- ⇒ Tuesday 5th Feb Headteacher's Conference
- ⇒ Wednesday 6th Feb Safeguarding QLC
- ⇒ Saturday 9th Feb Chair's Briefing
- ⇒ Monday 11th Feb EYFS QLC
- ⇒ Monday 11th Feb Business Manager's Forum
- ⇒ Wednesday 13th Feb SEN QLC
- ⇒ Thursday 14th Feb RE QLC
- ⇒ Thursday 14th Feb Science QLC
- ⇒ Monday 24th-1st March Raising Achievement Boards
- ⇒ Tuesday 12th March English QLC
- ⇒ Wednesday 13th March Maths QLC
- ⇒ Thursday 21st March Principal's Forum
- ⇒ Saturday 6th April Chair's Briefing
- ⇒ Wednesday 8th May EYFS QLC