

September 2018

# Newsletter

## Welcome Back!

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to a new academic year! I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and the beautiful weather we had too?

As the new year commences each and every one of you will have your ambitions and goals for the year which all focus on the children! We are here to help you in any way we can and look forward to another successful year.

There have been many examples over the last twelve months where academies are really seeing the benefit of working together, sharing good practice and helping each other out! That has been rewarding to see as collaboration and a joint responsibility for all the pupils in the Trust is a strong focus for us all and what belonging to the Trust really embraces.

It is going to be another busy year. We have five of our academies expecting a visit from Ofsted and I know you will not only wish them luck but be available to support them. We also have several more schools joining the academy over the year and I know you will provide a warm St Chad's welcome to them all. I will provide more information about new members of the family as conversions are confirmed.

I look forward to seeing you all in the coming weeks, do not hesitate to contact any of the team if we can be of help!

Best wishes

Sue Wedgwood

CEO

## Fathers Day Lunch- Holy Trinity



**Father's Day Lunch was a huge success at Holy Trinity and had a fantastic turnout!**

**Holy Trinity thanked all the dad's that came to share this special day, it was great to see so many of you. The comments Holy Trinity have received have been amazing.**

**The Lunch was lovely, the hall looked fantastic and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.**

**Holy Trinity thanked all the kitchen staff who worked extremely hard to prepare and serve the food to everyone.**

**'I would just like to say 'Thank You' to everybody including Mr Dickson and all the staff, they were very friendly the food was lovely and I had a really nice time. Thank you!'**

**Mr Langley**





## Department for Education

DfE has updated the keeping children safe in education (KCSIE) guidance to reflect the recently revised working together to safeguard children guidance. In particular the General Data Protection Regulation, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the revised multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.

This is a reminder that KCSIE 2018 will replace KCSIE 2016 **from Monday, 3 September 2018.**



### Celebrate Black History Month in October

October's Black History Month is an annual celebration of culture, identity and community.

Our African mask workshop is an engaging way for your pupils to learn about African culture. This can be combined with our African mask dance workshop.

Professional dancers teach the children our specially choreographed dance that they perform at the end of the day.

They also offer African drumming workshops. Using traditional African drums, children create sounds and music from the African continent.

They provide all equipment and materials for every child to take part.

Get organised for Autumn term and plan your Black History Month activities.

Please contact: [hello@educationgroup.co.uk](mailto:hello@educationgroup.co.uk) to book your workshop.

### Autumn School Census 2018



The autumn 2018 school census day is **Thursday 4 October**. The deadline for approved submissions is **Wednesday 31 October**.

The ESFA have made a 'beta' release of the COLLECT system available to allow you to familiarise yourselves with COLLECT in advance of the census date. **This will remain available until 4pm on Friday 28 September.**

The ESFA have issued further details about the collection in the census 'readiness' email. If you did not receive this email, please contact us via a service request form.

The ESFA have published guides to help schools and local authorities complete and submit their autumn 2018 school census. These include an interactive tool to support the return of accurate 16 to 19 school census

On Tuesday 3rd July 2018 Trinity Church of England School announced as the overall primary category winner in a national competition from leading online safety charity Childnet, which sees young people using their digital creativity to inspire others to 'Connect with respect' and use the internet positively and safely.

Trinity Church of England School attended a showcase event at the British Film Institute (BFI) in London on Tuesday 3rd July 2018, where their film, 'Footprints', was shown at a private screening and judged by industry experts to be the overall winner within the primary category of the ninth annual Childnet Film Competition.

Childnet Film Competition reaches more young people than ever before

With over 200 entries across the two categories, Trinity Church of England School was one of the six schools to attend the finalist's event with their film 'Footprints'. The two winning schools and the four other finalists will now see their films used as internet safety resources to educate other young people about how to use the internet.

This year BBC Own It will also showcase the finalists' films, providing a unique opportunity for the young people to reach even more of their peers with their online safety messages.

The Childnet Film Competition was founded in 2010 and is delivered as part of Childnet's work in the UK Safer Internet Centre. The Childnet Film Competition invites schools and youth organisations from across the UK to capture their internet safety messages in a short film. This year, the competition invited young people to think about how we can all make a positive difference online by supporting young people to 'Connect with respect'.

Will Gardner, CEO of Childnet, said:

"We know from our work in schools that peer-led education can be hugely impactful, and the films that these young people have created will be invaluable in spreading online safety messages across the UK. This year's Childnet Film Competition was bigger than ever before, with almost 1,000 young people getting involved, making films and sharing positive messages about online safety. The standard of entries this year has been exceptionally high and it's clear to us that these young people are really passionate about making the internet a better place for all."

The Minister for Digital and Creative Industries, Margot James, who attended and spoke at the event said:

"We want the UK to be the safest place in the world to be online and are bringing in new laws to make that happen. It's incredibly inspiring to see young people using their creativity through the Childnet Film Competition, highlighting how we all need to work together to make the online world a more respectful and pleasant place to be."

Judged by a panel of experts

The films were judged by Lisa Prime Children's Events Programmer at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), Catherine McAllister Head of Safeguarding and Child Protection BBC Children's, David Austin OBE Chief Executive at the BBFC, and Joanna van der Meer Film Tutor and Family Learning Programmer at BFI Southbank.

The winning films from the Childnet Film Competition can be viewed here: [www.childnet.com/film-competition](http://www.childnet.com/film-competition)

A young person from Trinity Church of England School said:

'The message that we wanted to stand out the most in our film is one of positivity as the internet has so much bad stigma surrounding it. Our scriptwriters brainstormed and came up with ideas for the script until they settled for one. And our message is to ensure everyone has fun while staying safe.'

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# Welcome To THE TEAM

I would like to introduce and welcome new colleagues to the Trust including:

Nicola Broomhall – Principal , All Saints National Academy

Gemma Meers - Assistant Principal, All Saints National Academy

Karen Taylor – Principal, Bishop Lonsdale Church of England Primary Academy

Clare Jones - Assistant Principal, Bishop Lonsdale Church of England Primary Academy

## Three Spires House

The Bishop of Lichfield opened our new offices at Three Spires House on Wednesday 5th September. The new building in Lichfield will be the home for staff from St Chads Academies Trust, the DBE, Vocations and Training, Mission, Transforming Communities and Ministry Support along with the PAs to the Archdeacons of Walsall and Lichfield. The move will enable them to work even more closely together on the diocesan priorities of discipleship, vocation and evangelism.



## A Message from Teacher Perks



Teacher Perks provides incredible offers and money saving discounts for staff and other teaching staff, from major brands (think Sainsbury's, Virgin Holidays, Radley, New Look, Hotels.com, Boots, and many more).

Teacher Perks has persuaded some of the leading education suppliers to give exclusive offers and discounts on everything from classroom supplies and resources, to playground equipment, and educational trips, to help make budgets stretch further!

All staff can join for free here: [www.teacherperks.co.uk](http://www.teacherperks.co.uk)

We'd love all of the staff at St Chad's Academies Trust to benefit from these incredible perks and we'd be so grateful if you could let your colleagues know too.

And... For every 10 staff members that join Teacher Perks from your school, your school is entered into our monthly prize draw to win £500, plus, there's a personal prize draw where you could be one of the lucky winners of five £100 monthly cash prizes.

It's a great way for both you, and your school, to save money!

We really hope to see you on Teacher Perks soon.

## Events

Save these dates...

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| ⇒ Thursday 13th Sept Roald Dahl Day 2018          | ⇒ Tuesday 9th Oct 2018 SEN QLC              |
| ⇒ Monday 17th Sept Safeguarding QLC               | ⇒ Tuesday 16th Oct 2018 English QLC         |
| ⇒ Wednesday 19th Sept 2018 Principal's Conference | ⇒ Wednesday 17th Oct 2018 Maths QLC         |
| ⇒ Monday 24th Sept 2018 EYFS QLC                  | ⇒ Monday 5th- Friday 9th Nov 2018 RABS      |
| ⇒ Friday 5th Oct 2018 World Teachers Day          | ⇒ Thursday 15th Nov 2018 RE QLC             |
| ⇒ Tuesday 9th Oct 2018 Science QLC                | ⇒ Wednesday 28th Nov 2018 Principal's Forum |