



Wednesday 20th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers and staff,

We have come to the end of a very busy Term 2. I hope that you have enjoyed attending the many Christmas events at our schools including Nativities, Carol Services and Christmas Fairs.

Again, our school teams have had to work incredibly hard. We have again faced high staff absences and this has made it challenging at times to provide our usual services to our children and families. As always, our staff go above and beyond to deliver fantastic learning, experiences and support for our children and families. I hope you will join me in thanking them for this.

### **Sadly, this week, we say goodbye to some staff**

#### **Becket**

Becca Utteridge is leaving after 2 years.

#### **Christ Church**

Marshall Pilgrim - is leaving after 5 years

#### **Crockerne**

Clare Day is leaving after 4 years

Lauren Stephens is moving to Worle Village from January

#### **Hutton**

Jenny Gooch teacher is leaving after 8 years

Jasmine Cardwell is leaving after 1 year.

#### **Worle Village**

Paula Bradshaw is leaving after 12 years

Jo Mears is leaving after 17 years

Juliet Board is leaving after 5 years

John Feeley – will be on a secondment to Hutton until the end of Term 6

I would like to say a huge thank you to all staff who are leaving this week. Thank you for the contribution you have made to your schools and we all wish you well for the future.



### **We also say goodbye to the following Governors**

Gareth Dickson (Co-Chair) - Ashcombe

Jacque Millier - Ashcombe

Dee King (Vice Chair) - Christ Church

Mary Potter - Hutton

Thank you for the work and support you have provided to your schools.

### **MAT Events**

St Martin's held a Dodge Ball event in October. The children taking part really enjoyed the event.

### **Nurture Hubs**

We are delighted to have been successful in working with the Local Authority to gain a Nurture Hub at Crockerne C of E Primary School. The remodelling work took place over the summer and the resulting Hub is a calm and wonderful environment for the children who use it.



We are pleased that there is a plan for a second Kaleidoscope Nurture Hub for Christ Church C of E Primary School. This will involve an extension being built. We will update you as this progresses.

### **Ashcombe New Extension**

The Ashcombe building work is making good progress and the new building is really taking shape. I know how much the staff, children and parents are looking forward to getting into and using the new spaces.



### **St Martin's SIAMs Inspection**

In addition to Ofsted inspections, our Church Schools also receive a Church SIAMs Inspection. I am delighted that St Martin's received a very positive outcome from their inspection in November. I feel that it reflected the hard work, vision and values of the school with the final statement that 'The inspection findings indicate that St Martin's Church of England Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school.' Please read the full report on the St Martin's website. <https://www.stmartinsschool.org.uk/christian-ethos-and-values/>

Congratulations to the children, staff and Governors for such a wonderful report.

### **Staff Achievements**

Our school newsletters regularly celebrate the many achievements of our children. Our staff also continue to learn and develop their knowledge, skills and expertise too.

I am delighted that many staff have completed National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) in a number of different areas.

NPQEL Mrs Elliott (St Martin's and Worle Village)

NPQLTD Mrs Jones (Worle Village)

Mr Feeley NPQLT (Worle Village)

Mrs Thomas NPQSL (St Martin's)

Mr Leeson NPQSL (St Martin's)

Mrs Emery NPQBC (St Martin's)

Mrs Mann NPQLT (St Martin's)

Congratulations to the staff above. Many more staff are currently in the process of undertaking NPQs and other qualifications.

### **Trustee**

In September, we welcomed Clive Wilson to the Trust Board as a Trustee. Clive has a long association with Kaleidoscope as a Headteacher and our previous Chief Finance Officer. His wealth of experience in education and finance will be an asset to our Board.

On behalf of the Members, Trustees and Kaleidoscope Central Team, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope that you have an enjoyable time over the festive period.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Marriott

(CEO Kaleidoscope Multi-Academy Trust)

