



The Three Saints Academy Trust

"If you can believe, all things are possible to those who believe."

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Trust Newsletter

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St Ann's Church of England Primary



St Mary & St Thomas C.E. Primary

Message from the Chief Executive Officer

We welcome you to the third and final newsletter of this academic year.

At the end of another busy year, our children and schools have shared in this newsletter some examples of life in our schools and the depth and range of fantastic learning experiences in our LUNAR curriculum.

Each school, whilst being unique shares in our '5 Fingerprints'; our unique principles which guide our work; Nurturing values, aspiration for excellence, curriculum innovation, collaborating to improve outcomes and cultivating future leaders. Working across our schools I have the privilege of seeing these principles threaded through the work of all our pupils and staff.

We are excited to announce that Spinney Avenue will become our third school in The Three Saints Trust on 1st August and from that point will be known as St Michael with St Thomas C.E. Primary School. We have of course been working closely with St Michaels for over 3 years now and are proud that they will be part of our family of schools very soon.

It is with some sadness that we say goodbye to some excellent members of staff who have made a huge contribution to our schools over a number of years, we will also welcome back staff from maternity leave and welcome new staff to our Trust family. This is the cycle of life in schools and we give thanks for the work of those staff who are leaving and send them off with our love and prayers as they start their next adventures.

All of our Three Saints schools appreciate the support of our parents and carers. We know you have faith in us to ensure your children are happy, safe and developing as learners to contribute to society both now and in the future.

I would like to wish you all the very best for a safe, happy and enjoyable summer break.

Kirsty Haw



News from St Mary & St Thomas

Believe, Achieve, Shine

'OUTSTANDING'

Back in the spring term we were paid a visit by Ofsted. At the time of publishing our spring newsletter we were unable to announce that the school was judged to be outstanding in all five areas of the inspection framework. Ofsted commented *'Staff share leaders' enthusiasm, ambition and unwavering commitment to pupils and their families. Pupils thrive in a culture where the school motto of 'Achieve, Believe and Shine' weaves through every aspect of the school.'* We were thrilled that the hard work of all stakeholders at the school has been recognised and celebrated and we look forward to continuing to deliver this outstanding education to our pupils.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION AWARDS 2019

Our Year 5 pupils and Mini Police have been involved in promoting transport awareness and road safety, and following on from their involvement with Operation MOSCA they collaborated with St Helens Police, Traffic Support Officers and Asda superstores to introduce the Parking Permit Scheme which involves parents applying to the school for a parking permit for Asda car park. By parents parking at the superstore, it reduces the amount of congestion outside the school gates and as a result has increased pupil safety. We submitted an application the community education awards and were successful in winning the Transport Awareness and Road Safety Award, beating over 400 other applicants. Well done to all involved.

ARTSMARK GOLD AWARD

We are delighted to announce that we have once again gained the prestigious Artsmark Gold Award. Artsmark is Arts Council England's award for schools and

education settings that champion cultural education. It celebrates settings that embrace the arts across the curriculum, bringing them to life for children and young people. We are pleased to carry on delivering an arts-rich education for our pupils.

END OF TERM TRIPS

This term our children have enjoyed visiting Windmill farm, Martin Mere, Sealife Centre, Spaceport via the Mersey Ferry and GO APE at Delamere forest. All children thoroughly enjoyed their experiences. Here are some of Y5 pupils in front of the ferry



'PANTASTIC' PRODUCTION

This term we have performed our annual production and this year it was 'Pantastic' which is based on the story of Peter Pan. All involved have spent months learning lines and rehearsing and their hard work finally paid off when they performed their final show in July. Well done to all involved.





GOODBYE AND GOODLUCK

At the end of this academic year, Mrs Wilkinson will be leaving St Ann's after being the Headteacher of the school for over 12 years. During her time at St Ann's, Mrs Wilkinson not only secured the school outstanding status from both Ofsted and SIAMs, but more importantly she ensured all pupils at the school received a broad and rich curriculum that developed the whole child. We feel sure the entire school community would like to wish Mrs Wilkinson all the very best for the future. St Ann's loss is most definitely her new school's gain. Keep in touch Mrs Wilkinson! We will miss you.

Miss Middlehurst will also be leaving us this July as she has secured a promotion to Assistant Headteacher in another local school. Miss Middlehurst has made a superb contribution to our school over the years, leading on many hugely important areas of the school's provision, including the PE, Sports and PSHCE curriculum, organising wider curricular provision and Children's University and much, much more. Good luck Miss Middlehurst!

ARTS WEEK

This half term has ended with our annual Arts Week, the theme of which has been Islam. The children have learned and practised a range of new art skills and enjoyed showing their fabulous art work off at the exhibition for parents. Big thanks to Mrs Greenough for organising such a fantastic week.



FARMINGTON SCHOLARSHIP

This year Mrs Greaves has undertaken a prestigious Farmington Scholarship for Teachers of RE with Oxford University. Her project received immense praise by the scholars at Oxford when she presented it, and it has impacted positively on the quality of RE back in school. Congratulations Mrs Greaves!



SCHOOL PRODUCTION & SUMMER FIZZ

All budding actors, musicians and vocalists from St Ann's got to show off their talent at our end of year school production; The Adam's family and the Summer Fizz this half term. A big well done to all our performers who hugely impressed the audiences. We look forward to seeing our musicians progress next year. Huge thanks to all the staff who have made these events happen!

BUSHCRAFT

Last half term Year 4 enjoyed a 2 night outdoor residential when they camped near Cholmondeley Castle in Cheshire. The children thoroughly enjoyed the wide range of activities from shelter-building to wilderness cookery. Not only this, the children behaved impeccably and were a credit to our school.

