



KALEIDOSCOPE

Multi Academy Trust

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End of Year Newsletter 2024

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Another school year seems to have flown by as we come to the end of Term 6. A lot has happened over the year and as usual, we have a number of staffing changes and things to celebrate.

Kaleidoscope Pupil Events

There have been many opportunities and events over the year for children from across the MAT to come together.

These have included a Year 6 singing event at Hutton, Spelling Bee, Maths Festival and various sporting events including Dodgeball, Speed Stacking and Athletics.



It has been wonderful to see the children mixing and taking part in the events together.

Staff Collaboration

Throughout the year, our staff have had many opportunities to collaborate and work closely together as part of the Kaleidoscope Team. This has included training, networks, INSET workshops and the opportunity to join school reviews.

Leadership Changes

Sadly, Luci Amos will be leaving us at the end of this term after 20 years as Headteacher of Hutton and 4 years as Executive Headteacher of Becket and Hutton. We would like to thank her for her hard work at her schools and for the large contribution she has made as a founding leader within Kaleidoscope MAT. We know that you will join us in wishing her well and we hope that she enjoys the travelling she has planned.

We are delighted that Charlie Barwell will be the new Executive Headteacher for the schools from September. She has visited the schools a number of times, working closely with Mrs. Amos and the staffing team to ensure a smooth handover.

Leadership Teams in our other schools will remain the same for next year.

Estates Successes

Ashcombe's new extension is nearly completed. This huge project is in its final stages and will be an exciting new environment for the children and staff at Ashcombe.

We would like to thank Tom Bishop and Marcus McGowan from Hookway for their work project managing the build and to Dwaine, Richard, Carla and the team from John Perkins Construction for the building work. This build has also been a lot of work for the Ashcombe Team – Mr. Penny, Mrs. Brand and Mrs. Driscoll. We hope that the staff and children will finally enjoy moving in.



Despite an initial setback with the initial design, the second plan for the Christ Church Nurture Hub is progressing well and has just successfully received planning permission.

Although we celebrate the above successes, some bids we made were not successful and we will apply again for the funding of these works next year. School budgets do not provide sufficient funds to undertake major improvements to school sites/premises and the bid process is the mechanism to gain the necessary funding to carry out these works.

Staff Leavers

Ashcombe

Lottie Barnes - Y1 Teacher

Andrea White – Y5 Teacher

Joe Penn - Y6 Teacher leaving after 7 years as a class teacher

Brenda Hennecke – TA, leaving after 9 years and going to be starting a new life in Italy

George Heathcote - Forest School Leader after 11 years

Becket

Pam Mullinder – TA leaving after an amazing 25 years supporting Becket pupils in Reception and with reading and phonics

Yvette Hyland – TA leaving after a brilliant 17 years supporting Becket pupils and particularly in groups to help develop reading, maths and writing

Megan Green – Early Years Practitioner leaving after 2 years supporting Becket's preschool

Caroline Manville – LSA moving from Becket after joining this year over to Hutton

Christ Church

Emily O' Dea – Teacher leaving after 7 years at Christ Church but will be joining Crockerne

Sarah Nicholls - Teacher who has been at Christ Church since October 2022 but will be continuing to teach at Hutton and Crockerne schools

Katie Cooper - SMSA who joined in Christ Church in October 2022

Crockerne

Julie Howarth – leaving after a tremendous 27 years as Bursar and Clerk to Governors
Wendy Gilmore - TA leaving after an amazing 30 years at Crockerne
Richard Hill - Teacher leaving after 16 years will be part of the team leading and managing sports events across North Somerset schools
Helen Nicholson – Teacher
Paige Walker - LSA

Hutton

Maisie Browne – LSA leaving after 4 Years
Wendy Scherer – Teacher, leaving 7 years as a teacher
Shannon Salter - LSA moving from Hutton after 2 years to join Becket

St Martin's

Henry Barrett - Teacher, leaving after 2 years at St Martin's will be joining Ashcombe
Jilly Chedzoy - HLTA left earlier in the year in after 15 years supporting pupils
Danielle Pavey - LSA who joined the school earlier in the year
Gemma Hastewell- Cleaner / SMSA after 9 years

Sadly, Stephanie Turner passed away at Christmas time. She had worked at St Martin's as an SMSA for many years and will be missed by the school community.

Worle Village

Jess Coghlan – Teacher, after joining the school in September
Lauren Stephens – Teacher, after joining us in September
Laura Stuart – leaving after joining in 2013 in a variety of roles from SMSA to HLTA
Robin Stanbury – Caretaker who has kindly supported the school for 2 years
Kirsten Mann – Teacher who has supported 1 day a week alongside St Martin's.

Governance Leavers

Trustees

David Amos will be leaving the Board at the end of Term. David has a long experience in North Somerset, being a Headteacher, School Advisor, Governor (in a few of our MAT Schools) and Trustee. He was also an Ofsted Inspector. David was also Headteacher at Worle Village. He was a founding Kaleidoscope Trustee and supported us with our school improvement work. We would like to thank him for the huge part he has played at Kaleidoscope and in North Somerset.

Lyn Gilbert joined us in 2022. She has supported the Board and our committees particularly in the area of mental health and wellbeing. We would like to thank her work at Kaleidoscope.

We are in the process of recruiting their successors.

Governors

Becket

Heidi Read will be stepping down after 5 years

Christ Church

Dee King who has served for 16 months and was also a Governor previously.

Crockerne

Zac Coley steps down as Chair after serving the Local Board since 2019. and Sarah Spencer as Vice Chair at the end of the year.

St Martin's

Georgia Prentice, Vice Chair, after 7 years. She has not only been a Governor, but has also been a key member of the St Martin's PTA.

Worle Village

Amy Seymour, who has been a Governor since February 2023.

We would like to thank all those stepping down for their hard work and support over the years.

Being a Governor, Trustee, Member is voluntary, our schools and MAT really benefit from the contribution they make. If you are interested in becoming a Governance Volunteer, then please keep an eye open for opportunities as they become available. If you are interested then please contact your school or contact the MAT Office to find out more.

Staff Achievements

We would like to take this opportunity to celebrate some of the staff achievements since our last newsletter at Christmas.

Ashcombe

Amelia Hawkins has been accepted onto the Primary Mastery Specialist Programme with the Boolean Maths Hub.

Crockerne

Lucy Rees has completed the NPQH qualification.

Christ Church

Congratulations to Leanne Bryant at Christ Church for receiving the silver award for Teacher of the Year in the Pearson National Teaching Awards. Leanne will be attending the gala event in November and will find out if she has achieved the gold award.

Leanne Bryant and Rachael Clarke have completed their Nurture UK training ready for the whole school Nurture UK approach from September.

Worle Village

Debbie Doolan has been asked to be part of the Boolean Maths Hub. Danielle Read has become a Year 5 Writing Champion.

Many more staff are in the process of completing NPQs and other qualifications.

Some Pupil Achievements

Ashcombe

Ashcombe held a 'Day of Sport and Kindness' in order to raise funds for The Liam Shepherd Foundation involving the whole school community which included sessions from Hornets RFC and Future Stars Coaching.

Elektra and Rubi-Mai (Y5) have competed at national cheer and dance competitions - they are soon off to Florida to compete.

Fletcher and Daniel (Y5) playing for Weston Football Academy.

Yuna (Y6) is competing at junior tennis competitions!

Becket

Sienna and Hallie-Mai (Y1) who are part of All Star Dance Company, competed in the Fierce and Fearless Elite Competition at Blackpool Tower and came 1st in February this year. This weekend they have competed in Wales, participating in three dances and finishing 1st place in two of these and 2nd place in the third one. They danced ballet, modern and contemporary.

Christ Church

Erin (Y4) Starred at the Playhouse in Weston in the production of Outlaws.

Rebekah (Y5) who was awarded County colours for representing Avon count in county cup and as a team winning South West Regional stage and getting to national finals in Southampton.

Freya (Y6) who achieved 1st place in gymnastics floor competition for the South West Regionals.

Crockerne

Well done to Beatrice (Y2), who donated her hair and raised money for the Little Princess Trust.

Hutton

Elsie-Sue (Y6) is the South West champion grade 5 for 11-12-year olds. In the National school's competition, she achieved a silver medal and overall 10th place in English finals for 11-12-year olds.

St Martin's

Stanley (Y6) achieved 3rd place in the Years 7-14 Cat 1 British Schools Trampolining Championships.

Daxter (Y2) has been awarded 2 Blue Peter badges.

19 children had their 100-word stories published in 'Crazy Creatures'.

Ethan (Y5) played football for Bristol Rovers and went to Spain to an academy.

Worle Village

Bella (Y4) has won Gold medals and Grand champions in Cheer and Dance at a National Competition

Evelyn (Y5) and Rhea (Y5) were asked to represent North Somerset in playing football

Lena (Y6) had her badge design chosen from a whole country competition for Walk to School Badges.



Thank you to Staff, Governors, Trustees and Members for your support this year.

Finally, goodbye to our Year 6 and any other pupils leaving us this week. We wish you well at your new schools and thank your families for the support given to our schools.

We hope that you all have some time to enjoy the summer and hopefully some sunshine when it comes.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Marriott
(CEO Kaleidoscope MAT)

Dr Tristan Cogan
(Chair of Trustees)