

Pickwick Papers – Edition 20 – Term 4 – Mar 2024

Welcome from James Passmore (CEO)

It's amazing to think we are two-thirds of the way through another exciting academic year!

I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather and lighter evenings, and had fun on World Book Day!

Once again, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff, children, parents and governors who work so hard to make our schools such special places.

Have a wonderful Easter and well-deserved break. Relax and rest well, and enjoy time with your families...

James Passmore



Thank you, Gail Chilcott

We are deeply saddened to inform you of the passing of the fabulous Gail Chilcott. Gail was originally a governor at Aloeric Primary School and was an integral part of the collective governance working party that established Pickwick Academy Trust back in 2016-2017.

Once the Trust was formed, Gail became a Member and more recently took on the role of the Chair of the Members group, overseeing and ensuring the high quality of the Trust Board's work. Gail was incredibly dedicated to this role and led the governance of our Trust exceptionally well.

She will be missed deeply by all of us and will be remembered for her strong leadership, thoughtful and pragmatic approach to problem solving, and kindness. Thank you, Gail, for your incredible service – our thoughts are with your family at this difficult time.

Sustainability

Our schools are working hard to achieve the objectives set out in the Trust's Environment Strategy.

Solar panels have been approved to be installed at Corsham Pound Pill, Aloeric, Queens Crescent and both Greentrees' sites. A number of our other schools already have panels, and we will continue to review options for those sites that aren't able to have them.

We have undertaken a huge project to install LED lighting to reduce energy usage and costs.

The vast majority of our schools now have LED lighting in at least 75% of areas.

Sustainability cluster leads continue to work with pupils across our schools to achieve the education targets in the strategy.

Thank you to Ruth Jennison for continuing to promote this work.

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New leadership appointments in schools across the Trust

Executive Headteacher appointed for St George's CE Primary School, Bourton, and St Gregory's CE Primary School, Marnhull

Following the retirement of the previous Headteacher of St Gregory's CE Primary School, Marnhull, in July 2023, Mr James Stanford has been in post as Interim Headteacher and will remain in post until July 2024. Mr Stanford has done an excellent job leading the school through multiple significant changes, including the successful transition into Pickwick Academy Trust and the introduction of several new curriculum initiatives.

In line with our Small Schools Strategy, we have been working closely with Mr Stanford and governors to develop a strong, permanent and sustainable leadership model for St Gregory's, which will be in place from September 2024. Following a robust application and interview process, we have appointed the Headteacher of St George's CE Primary School, Bourton, to the role of Executive Headteacher across both schools.

Mrs Jill Farndale will lead both schools from September 2024, and will work closely with Mr Stanford across the summer term to ensure a strong handover takes place. Now that this appointment has been made, leaders and governors are finalising the wider staffing model which will ensure both schools benefit from the expertise and strengths of staff across the two schools, and ensure there is always a named leader onsite for children, staff and parents to talk to should they need to.

Thank you very much to Mr Stanford and congratulations to Mrs Farndale.

Headteacher appointed to Winterslow CE Primary School

Congratulations to Mrs Kate Malcolm, who has been Interim Headteacher at Winterslow CE Primary School since January 2024, in securing the substantive Headship at the school.

Mrs Malcolm has previously been a teacher and Deputy Head at Winterslow - we are looking forward to working with her and seeing the school grow from strength to strength. Well done Mrs Malcolm.

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