

Pickwick Papers - February 2021 - Edition 1

Welcome from James Passmore (CEO)

Welcome to the first edition of what we plan to be a termly (6 times a year) newsletter to update you about what's going on at Pickwick Academy Trust and in our fantastic schools.

It's been another busy term and I'd like to say a huge thank you to all our leaders and staff for adjusting so well to the new way of working since the beginning of January. Thank you to all of you as parents/carers for your feedback, and for supporting your children in the school-based and remote learning activities set by teachers. Our schools are all closed on Monday 22 February for staff training, so we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 23 February.

Have a wonderful half term holiday and well-earned break!



Pickwick's Strategy

1. **Harness our collective expertise** to drive school improvement and realise the best for all children and adults working and learning in our schools
2. **Celebrate and communicate the successes** in our schools to encourage aspiration and innovation
3. **Provide support and challenge** for each school so that every child meets their full potential

Our vision is underpinned by our moral purpose to provide the best education and curriculum for the children we serve, and is based on values of aspiration, collaboration, inclusion, enjoyment and nurturing relations, with the intention of empowering children to become life-long learners.

Our Schools

Pickwick Academy Trust is made up of four large primary schools in North Wiltshire: Aloeric Primary, Corsham Primary, Ivy Lane Primary and Queen's Crescent Primary, and one primary school in South Wiltshire: Ludwell Primary.

The schools came together to form our Multi-Academy Trust because they recognised the huge value of working together to drive school improvement and education innovation.



Rebecca Clifton
Aloeric Primary School



Kerry Parker
Corsham Primary School (Broadwood Site)



Helen Lammin
Ivy Lane Primary School



James Essam
Queens Crescent School



Lindsay Fry
Corsham Primary School (Pound Pill Site)



Jennie White
Ludwell Primary School

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Who's who in the Pickwick central team?



James Passmore

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)



Julia Hawkins

Executive Headteacher



Gina Cooke

Executive Headteacher



Keith Hillman

Finance Director



Emma Preater

Business Director



Amy Tapscott

Professional Development Director

Also, in the team are: Louise Keohane (our HR Officer); Ursula Nimock (Finance Manager); Frances Blackmore (Admin Officer); Amelia Beard (Teaching School Administrator) and Mike Jones (Facilities Manager)

Ivy Lane School – remote Ofsted visit

Ivy Lane School has received a congratulatory letter from Helean Hughes, from Wiltshire Local Authority, following the school's November 2020 remote Ofsted visit.

Although currently Ofsted visits do not provide a judgement or grade, it was clear that the inspectors were very pleased with the fantastic teaching and learning taking place at Ivy Lane.

Wiltshire Council wrote to Mrs Lammin, Head of School at Ivy Lane, to say: "There are significant challenges facing schools today, and you and your team are responding to these in the best interests of children by being innovative and flexible".

Well done to all the staff, children, families and governors.



Wiltshire Talks Oracy

Pickwick's Teaching School has teamed up with Wiltshire Local Authority to run the 'Wiltshire Talks' Oracy Project. This involves 54 schools, and aims to support pupils in developing stronger communication skills. Good speaking & listening skills support all aspects of learning.

Could you help?

Could you help transport people to get their Covid-19 vaccination?

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Parent webinar

We are launching a series of webinars to help parents support their children, on a range of themes such as 'resilience', 'reducing anxiety' and 'managing screen-time'.

The first of these pre-recorded webinars was on 'Resilience for learning and well-being' and can be viewed [here](#).

The next one is on supporting children with anxiety, due to be released shortly after half term.