



## Embracing Learning: Autumn Term Highlights

As we approach the holiday season, we are delighted to share the highlights of this term in our Christmas newsletter.

As another year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to reflect for a moment on the successes achieved in all of our schools. With successful inspection outcomes, academic achievements above those achieved nationally, the formal membership to the Children First Learning Partnership of Springhead Primary and our first ever CFLP Staff Conference at the Bet 365 Stadium, the year has started with positivity, purpose and determination.

The spirit of collaboration has continued to be central to our work this term and in fact has been extended out to include some cross school pupil work. Our CFLP Pupil Forum has now been established to allow us to really get a sense of the impact our work is having across our schools.

Our Executive Team, Board of Directors and Local Advisory Board Members have all worked closely together to ensure that additional funding totalling over £250,000 being provided by the Trust to our schools is used effectively to enhance, buildings, ICT, facilities and staffing capacity.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of our partner providers who have supported us this year, our hugely talented and dedicated team of staff and our inspirational pupils for their continued ability to make us smile, fill us with pride and challenge us on a daily basis. May I wish you all a peaceful and Happy Christmas!

**Mrs Abigail Rourke**

CEO of the Children First Learning Partnership



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## Trust-wide staff team building day at Britannia Stadium

On Monday 4th September we hosted an exciting event at the Bet365 Stadium.

Trust Members, Directors, Local Advisory Board Members and all staff in the Trust had a day of networking and team building.

We had guest speaker, Mr. Andrew Warren the Regional Director for the West Midlands and this was followed by a day led by the Art of Brilliance Team on areas around resilience and wellbeing.

What a great start to the school year.

## Exciting news: unveiling our new Trust logo

We worked closely with talented designers who really understood our essence and aspirations.

Our logo is more than just a symbol; it represents our core values and unwavering commitment to provide the best service possible. Thank you to our staff, pupils and Directors for your input. A great team effort and we hope you like it. Watch out for the launch of our new CFLP website.

## Ofsted achievements in our schools

Our schools' achievements consistently make us proud.

Recent Ofsted inspections have highlighted the exceptional achievements of our schools, showcasing a consistent standard of excellence. Well done to each and every member of the Team at Kingsfield, Oxhey and Castlechurch.

We are so proud of all our staff and want to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication and for creating a safe and happy environment. Thank you to the school communities for their continued support.

## Meet our new Pupil Forum

We are excited to introduce our new Pupil Forum.

Meet our newly formed CFLP Pupil Forum, who spent the morning on 23<sup>rd</sup> November getting to know each other, about their schools and learning all about our Central Team.

We have some exciting meetings in the year ahead and look forward to hearing our Pupil Forum's views to help form the next steps in our journey.



## New safeguarding page on our schools' websites

You will find guidance and signposting to supportive agencies, a wealth of useful information for parents/carers and the community.

A termly safeguarding newsletter is sent to keep all parents/carers updated. This term Designated Safeguarding Leads attended the Staffordshire Safeguarding Children's Board annual conference and all staff have undertaken safeguarding refresher training and weekly briefings to ensure staff knowledge and practice is current.

In all of our CFLP schools there have been assemblies and circle times. Posters around schools remind children of the worry boxes, emotion boards, trusted adults and support they can access if they are concerned about anything.

[Staffordshire Connects](#) is a great resource to use in your local area under the 4 main headings of 'Children & Families', 'SEND', 'Care Leavers', 'Adults & Community'.

## KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL NEWS

**Passionate in their pursuit of excellence in all aspects of school.**

Children are nurtured and inspired to develop confidence, independence and resilience in an environment where their efforts are valued. Staff enable all children to flourish and throughout their time, pupils are empowered to live, work, play and succeed together.

**Pupil Leadership Teams - leadership starts with our children.**

From leading their own learning in classrooms to representing their school in the town council offices, such opportunities develop an understanding of core school values. Knypersley's mission statement 'Learning together, Learning for Life' has a positive impact on pupil mental health and wellbeing.

**Active community members.**

Knypersley believe in the importance of encouraging pupils to be active members of their local community. During the Autumn Term children have represented school during a number of community events such as Remembrance Day, Macmillan Coffee Event and carol singing on the Town Hall steps and local care home.

**Leadership groups fundraising.**

During this Term their leadership groups alongside the PTFA have worked together to raise money for a number of charity organisations.

In total this term school have raised and donated over £1,150.

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## KINGSFIELD FIRST SCHOOL NEWS

**Introducing the new behaviour policy, rules and awards system.**

Staff, children, governors and parents recognise the need for an effective, uncomplicated and consistent approach to positive behaviour in order for high quality teaching and learning to take place. This is promoted through adult encouragement, stickers, weekly certificates and celebrating pupils' work with Ozzy and Elvis, the resident guinea pigs.

**Rule 1: Be Safe.**

The aim is for pupils to feel safe moving around school, safe inside and outside the school building which includes being safe on school trips and staying safe online. Pupils know who they can turn to for advice when they are concerned.

**Rule 2: Be Respectful.**

Pupils are asked to treat others fairly, to develop mutual respect alongside tolerance, patience and understanding. Furthermore, to listen when others speak, to respect others' opinions, to use and show good manners and to respect class resources and the school environment.

**Rule 3: Be Ready.**

Children are asked to be ready to work and learn to their full potential by always doing their very best, ready to listen, ready to help, ready to act for a friend or neighbour in need, ready to lead, ready to give and forgive, ready to have fun and enjoy time in school.

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## OXHEY FIRST SCHOOL NEWS



### Amazing Pupil Leaders are in the spotlight this term.

The elected Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies have effectively assumed their roles, showcasing professionalism and enthusiasm. They actively participate in school activities, such as guiding visitors and assisting in assembly preparations. During Remembrance Day, they played a proactive role in selling poppies, both during playtimes and parents' evening.

### School Council have an action plan for the year.

The school has successfully raised almost £300 and school council representatives showcased Oxhey's uniqueness at the CFLP Pupil Forum, connecting with peers from other MAT schools.

### Eco warriors tidy around school.

Eco Warriors regular litter pick around the playground and school path. They were pleased with their harvest of potatoes that were planted earlier in the year and new bulbs have been planted in and around the school grounds. Watch out for the lovely flowers to surface in the summer time.

### EYFS super celebrations topic is a success.

Early Years have really enjoyed finding out about what happens at a wedding. They recreated the big day and enjoyed a wedding reception, had a fabulous wedding cake and dancing.

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## THE REGINALD MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



### Successful re-launch of the new PTFA.

Since their re-launch, the PTFA had their first meeting on 14th November 2023. Their meeting was full of enthusiasm and collaboration as members gathered to discuss and plan the way forward. They are thrilled to share their progress.

### Welcome to Reginald Mitchell's new PTFA team.

Their new Chair is Kirsty Copeland, Vice Chair is Abigail Lovatt and Treasurer is Danielle Awty. The next meeting is planned at Reginald Mitchell Primary School on Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 2.30pm if you would like to go along and find out more about how you can support them.

### Joyful Christmas Moments.

The PTFA have helped Santa to get Christmas books for the children. The Christmas Fayre was a resounding success, with stalls, Santa's Grotto, tombolas, food, and choir signing.

### Exciting plans on the horizon for upcoming events.

The PTFA is gearing up for an exciting calendar of events with a Valentine's Disco planned, an exciting Easter Extravaganza taking shape and a Summer Fayre to look forward to.

We are confident they will achieve great things together.

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## CASTLECHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



### Special day hosting the 2023 Royal British Legion Poppy launch for Stafford Boroughs.

Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies warmly welcomed dignitaries, including The Lord Lieutenant, The Mayor and Mayoress of Stafford, The Watchman, representatives from the Army, Police, Fire service, The Princes Trust and local community, along with officers from the Borough Council. They had a special assembly followed by a minute of silence.

### Special service to pay tribute.

A special tree was planted in an area at the school called The Memory Garden in remembrance of the 4 children that sadly died in a fire.

### Eco classroom official opening.

Congratulations on the successful opening of The Forest Lodge, an amazing Eco classroom. A collaborative effort involving the school council, Eco council, PTA and the wider community.

### Family Action joins Community Hub.

Family Action will now be based in their Community Hub every Wednesday, offering various support packages to families. Lots of families really appreciate their support. What fantastic news for Castlechurch.

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## SPRINGHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



### Excitement about joining the Children First Learning Partnership.

On 1st October 2023, we welcomed Springhead to the CFLP team. Governors wanted to secure the best future for the school and felt the CFLP would facilitate ongoing development with a close network of schools, ultimately benefiting the children. Springhead anticipate a successful collaboration of sharing ideas and practice.

### Pupil Forum participation.

At the CFLP Pupil Forum, children shared a presentation on what makes their school special. They are very excited to go to future meetings and learn more about how they can help the CFLP.

### Christmas festivities in full swing.

Christmas festivities are in full swing as the children showcase their holiday spirit through various performances, including three Christmas plays and a choir performance at The Victoria Hall.

### Playleaders and sports ambassadors.

Playleaders and school sports ambassadors have enjoyed helping other children play and join in with sports activities at break times.

Over the summer holiday the school developed the outside Early Years learning space.

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## Vacancies

### MINIBUS DRIVERS

We are looking for minibus drivers to drive our new minibus to take pupils on events and trips. If you would like to find out more information please email:  
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All training will be provided and paid for by the CFLP!

### Hear from our staff about the benefits of working for the CFLP...

“CFLP is somewhere you can feel valued and believed in”.  
 J. Cranwell, Castlechurch Primary School

“CFLP gives opportunities to progress, learn and collaborate”.  
 E. Mohring, Kingsfield First School



### Termly CFLP SEND Leader Hub

Our leaders came together to share the good practice seen in their recent Ofsted inspections and share their experiences.

The hub is a great place to advise each other of new initiatives and support packages that can be accessed to enhance the provision for the young children in our schools. The group is hoping to develop a termly newsletter to inform parents and carers of new developments and connections the Trust has made to further improve the quality of education in our schools.

Advice and support is available at [Staffordshire Connects](#) for parents and carers of children with Special Education Needs or a disability. There is also a lot of information available on our schools' websites.

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