



Jeannette Mackinney CEO

It is my pleasure to share with you some of the wonderful work we have been doing as a Trust during our first year together. 2018 was certainly a time of change and collaboration for all of our five schools, where we got to know each other and found lots of ways that we could help, support and share good practice. We have amazing children, staff and governors, all working hard to ensure that our schools continue to improve and be wonderful places to learn and grow. We work hard to uphold our 6 core principles:

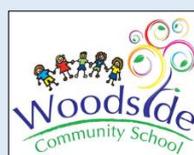
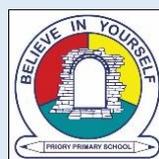
- **Trust:** we support and care for each other
- **Success:** everything we do is focused on improving outcomes for our children
- **Engagement:** we share and we collaborate. We are inclusive and believe that parental involvement is important
- **Opportunity:** we have equality of opportunity for all children and staff
- **Well-being:** the emotional, mental and physical wellbeing of our children and staff is important
- **Global citizenship:** we want all our children to be well prepared to meet the challenges of each stage in their life. We want them to be good citizens – kind, caring, respectful, helpful, behave well towards everyone.

All our schools have experienced many successes over the last 12 months – as you can see below. Our staff have benefited from joint training and have had opportunities to visit and work in each other's schools, sharing best practice and good ideas. We have also tried to ensure that our children have opportunities to meet and work with each other. We have enjoyed a variety of Trust events, including a rounders tournament, a multi-sports tournament and a Book Quiz. We have established a Trust Student Council with representatives from all five schools - the children meet termly with myself and Mr Craig, our Chair of the Board of Directors, in order to collaborate on joint projects and areas of interest. We also have a musical extravaganza event planned at Dudley Town Hall in April where children and staff from all our schools will perform individually and jointly in our first major Trust arts event.

I hope you enjoy finding out a little more about each school. If you would like to find out more please do get in touch: info@halesvalleytrust.org.uk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their dedication, hard work and commitment – they really do make a difference to the lives of our children. I would also like to thank you as parents and carers for your on-going support. Together we can ensure that we enjoy **'Success for All'**.

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Lapal Primary

Merry Hill Choir Competition



The choir from Lapal Primary scooped £1000 for school funds after being named 'best choir' in the annual Intu Merry Hill competition. Forty eight children from Lapal took part impressing judges by hitting all the right notes. The feedback received was amazing. Our choir were very smart and filled the centre with beautiful song and festive cheer. Judges were also impressed by the fact that pupils performed the song 'I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas' in Makaton sign language.

The choir also performed at Lapal house residential home and received over 33,000 views on the Makaton Charity website.



Classroom in the Clouds

Lapal have had a busy half term raising funds for Classrooms in the Clouds with a sponsored walk and Christmas raffle. Pupils walked the height of Mount Everest – via laps around the playground. The charity works to build schools in the most remote parts of Nepal. At Lapal we want our children to understand how lucky they are to have the right to an education and that they don't have to complete a daily walk of one to two hours to get to school. To date we have raised £3,000!

Rights Respecting

This term we achieved our Rights Respecting Bronze award and we are now working towards achieving the silver award. Our pupils are learning about children's rights and understanding the four key areas: wellbeing, participation, relationships and self-esteem. We are establishing a Rights Respecting Steering Group who will work with the Leadership team to embed the rights further across the school during the course of this year.



Priory Primary



Remembrance

Priory Primary wanted to mark the passing of 100 years since the end of WW1 so each pupil aimed to collect 100 coins for 100 years. The school completed this over a 3 week period and collected over £800 to donate towards the Royal British Legion. Priory have just had the news to confirm that we have won the cup for the highest amount collected and the highest average sales in Dudley. Well done everyone!

Cinema Visit!

Priory took the whole school to showcase cinema on 21st December 2018 funded by parent contributions. 589 pupils travelled by coach to the cinema and watched Nativity Rocks. The children's behaviour throughout the experience was fantastic and I think the teachers enjoyed it too! What a brilliant experience for everyone to enjoy together!



Creative Writing

Priory had the opportunity to work with the Grand Theatre on a creative writing project. There were 10 children involved in the workshop and three of them were chosen to have their poem published. Well done girls – your writing was of a very high standard and we are very proud of you!

Hurst Hill Primary



Learning

Children work really hard at Hurst Hill and all year groups throughout school are making great progress across the core areas of reading, writing and maths. Half-termly pupil progress meetings with teachers ensure we keep our pupils on track!

After School Clubs

We offer a wide variety of after school clubs to pupils. We provide a broad and balanced curriculum during the school day and after school clubs help us continue this wider provision. One of these clubs is the Performing Arts Club. Their club concluded with a performance of Disney's Moana. All parents and the whole school watched two performances which showed how talented our pupils are.



Community

At Christmas time, we provided an excellent range of community events such as the KS1 and KS2 carol service at St Mary's Church, Coseley our local church. We also took a group of children to sing carols at the local home for the elderly. The PTA held a Christmas Fayre at school where a range of games and goods were available to purchase and an open afternoon invited parents into school for hot chocolate, mince pies and to judge the best decorated classroom!



Woodside Primary

Remembrance Service at St Augustine's

We had a lovely card thanking our Year 3 children and staff for their part in the Remembrance Service at St Augustine's Church to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War 1. The children were complemented on their singing and behaviour.



Choir Visit to Local Residential Care Home

Just before the Christmas break our School Choir made the journey to a local residential care home to visit with the residents and spread a little 'Woodside Christmas cheer' to our local community. The children's voices and behaviour were exemplary, and were enjoyed by residents and staff.



UK Parliament

We are delighted to confirm that Mrs Bloomer is now an accredited UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador (Gold), and in July will be attending the first meeting of Teachers' Institute. Well done Mrs Bloomer!



Our Nursery held a Christmas Craft Day consisting of Christmas Craft activities for parents and children, such as card-making, calendars, melting snowman biscuits, pop-up Christmas trees and advent rings. Adults also enjoyed the hot chocolate and mince pies! We received many positive comments, such as:

"We really enjoyed all of the activities set up and made some lovely Christmas crafts"

"Lovely environment, interactive with parents and children, very creative and festive"

"Nice to be able to spend time with my son, I enjoyed seeing what he could do and we both enjoyed the session"

Lutley Primary

Cookies for Christmas!

In the last week of term, the children worked hard to mix the dough for over 180 cookies, using ingredients the children had donated! On Tuesday 18th December, with parent helpers, we braved the rain and delivered the cookies to over 90 houses. 5RP learned the true meaning of giving. The local residents were thrilled to see the children!



Mini Market: The Big Clear Out

Children in key stage two, applied for a stall at our termly mini market 'The Big Clear Out'. The children selected sold their produce in order to raise money. Working together in teams, they priced and sold their goods, as well as counting the profit they made! Meanwhile, the rest of the school got to visit the mini market and spend their money on a range of goods

such as: books, games, toys, stationery, cakes, and having their nails painted. Collectively they made a massive £833.25.

A Jungle Book Infusion

Lutley Primary delved into the realms of the animal kingdom, to uncover the story of fearless Mowgli. Immersing themselves in cross-curricular learning, this term kicked off with a show-stopping production, which set pupils' curiosity about the man-cub alive. Including dance, musical production and writing, each year group created enquiry questions, exploring various themes that emerge from the book. Through stimulating discussions, children showcased their breadth of acquired knowledge and were able to apply their understanding of the book across a range of learning activities.

