



# The Bishop Anthony Educational Trust

## Newsletter

Summer 2017

### Message from the CEO

As we reach the end of another year it seems amazing to think of how many changes and achievements we have to celebrate. This time last year we were an Academy Trust of just five schools and now we have eleven schools in the Trust. We have many successful SIAMS inspections and OFSTED inspections that staff, Governors and pupils should be proud of. Our Central Support Team has also grown in conjunction with this and we hope that they also now feel part of our family.

However, it has not been a year without challenge and the changes and pressures all of the Education sector are feeling have had an impact on how we are looking forward into the next academic year. Financial pressures have meant that all schools have had to tighten their belts and thank you to all the finance and administration staff who have supported our schools so well in facing these challenges.

Curriculum and assessment expectations have also continued to add to the agenda within all age groups and moving forward, it is going to be increasingly important that we work together as a close network of schools to support each other. I am hoping that some of our new and developing leadership structures will assist this process.

Finally, I must say a huge thank you to the Staff and pupils at all of our schools for their hard work and commitment to providing and contributing to the overall ambition of the Trust to

**Believe, Aspire and Excel Together.**

It doesn't just happen, every member of our schools communities has to work hard to get there and this has really developed and succeeded this year.

Congratulations to so many of you who have had successful inspections both in SIAMS and OFSTED this year. Heres to another successful year for us all.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Judith

### A Note for Parents

As a member of the BAET, your child's school is part of a wider inclusive family and we thought this would be an ideal opportunity to share our aims with you. If you would like more information on the Trust please do look at our website at [www.baet.org.uk](http://www.baet.org.uk)

- To ensure that our academies are centres of excellence, with a focus on the nurture and achievement of all their members.
- To foster, maintain and celebrate the Christian distinctiveness of our Church Schools as places for those of faith or no faith.
- To promote mutual support, encouragement and benefit between all our academies.
- To develop, as the foundation stone of academic achievement, a strong culture of professional development amongst our staff.
- To recognise and address the challenges of small rural communities.
- To celebrate and maintain the unique identity of each school within its community and within the family of academies.
- To recognise and enable those who often remain invisible, through ethnic or cultural disadvantage, or through disability or poverty.

### Ludlow C.E. Secondary—Moving on

After five years, and a summer of intense revision and examination of their knowledge and understanding, Ludlow CE School's Class of 2017 attended Leavers' Day, on 22nd June. As usual, they took the opportunity on the day following the final examination to dress up, or dress down, and say farewell to their classmates. Dressed as various cartoon characters, fictional heroes and historical figures, Year 11



students arrived at school to amaze their peers.

Following inter-house rounders, time with their tutor groups and final assemblies, these fantastic students were treated to a buffet, served by their staff. As usual, the day was a mixture of smiles, emotional tears and hugs, as well as promises to stay in touch with classmates. A truly super day!



### Bitterley –Learning for life

At Bitterley, it has been a very busy year, with lots going on! In the Summer term children went to Wroxeter for the first time, where great fun was had.

Two years ago 'Learning Behaviours For Life' formed a significant part of our school development and the impact of this on our children has continued to be hugely important this year, resulting in their Outstanding SIAMS inspection grade last month. Well done Everyone.



### Morville– Congratulations

Congratulations to everyone at Morville on their recent inspections. They were graded "GOOD" in both SIAMS and OFSTED. The inspector stated that "the pupils conduct was impeccable and it is a school with purposeful leadership. Children in Early Years are taught well and make good progress."



### Appointment News

Janet DuCros has been appointed as the new Academies Effectiveness Officer from September 2017. We look forward to welcoming Janet to the Trust.

Phil Poulton will be Executive Headteacher of both our secondary schools from September. Paula Hearle will be Head teacher at Ludlow and Ed Snelgrove will be Head of School at THA.

From September Beverley Donald will be Executive Headteacher at Burley Gate and St Michaels, Bodenham.

We also welcome Kate Mather as Headteacher at Ludlow Junior School following the retirement of Sally Swann.

Kerri Phelps, current Headteacher at Bishop Hooper, will become Headteacher at Tenbury, following the retirement of Jill Grant.

We also say adieu to Lesley Grady, as she moves to Bishop Hooper as interim Head teacher.

We wish those retiring our best wishes for a happy retirement.

*The BAET Central Team would like wish you all a lovely summer*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Hereford Academy—A year of Achievements

As always this term has been a very busy one for the PE department. The Hereford Academy retained the Marcus Powell Cup against Kingstone, well done to all the players for taking part in what is always a very special occasion.

In line with current affairs issues and as part of their PSHE programme students also took part in a mock election. This gave them an understanding of current political arguments and the process the UK goes through on voting day.

The biggest achievement of the year however was the OFSTED inspection. The inspectors judged that the school is no longer inadequate and is now Requires Improvement. The inspector stated that “...pupils feel very safe in school. Their behaviour at social times and in many lessons is good and the school is an orderly and purposeful community”

This is a real testament to the hard work of staff and students.



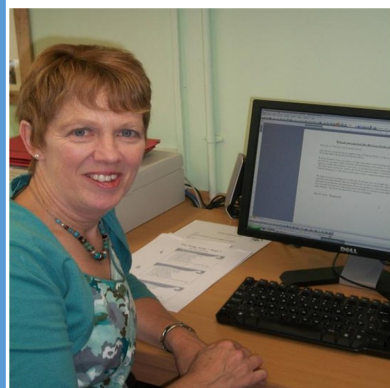
### Burley Gate Primary School—A busy year

At Burley Gate Classes 2 and 3 enjoyed their Forest School sessions.

Whilst in their art lessons and inspired by Andy Goldsmith, they created their own natural art, with wood, leaves and flowers.

As an end of year treat, the Year 6 children enjoyed a day at Oaker Wood Leisure, where they took part in the low ropes challenge and had great fun rafting on the lake.

Plus in Class 3 they have been studying the “Iron Man” and have had great fun constructing their own iron monsters from junk materials.



### Tenbury—Farewell

Headteacher Mrs Jill Grant, retires in July after seven years as Tenbury's Head and after 39 very successful years in teaching. Under her leadership, the school has gone from strength to strength and the number of pupils has grown steadily including a vibrant nursery.

Jill has been successful in achieving a grant from the British council to form links with Maramba, a school in Tanzania. This was the beginning of an amazing relationship between the schools and has seen reciprocal visits from teachers forming very special relationships. The children from both countries have seen great benefits, learning about two diverse cultures.

We will all miss Jill greatly but wish her a very long, happy, healthy retirement.

### St Michael's Bodenham—Scientists in the making

This term St Michael's Bodenham had a visit from Nigel Hand, a local ecologist.

He came into school to pond dip with the children. The pond is just over a year old now and Nigel was very pleased with the way it has established itself.

Over the two days, the children learnt about the life cycles of various insects, and thoroughly enjoyed all the scientific and ecological learning that they gained through this practical hands on experience within their own beautiful grounds.



### Ludlow Juniors—Preparing for life

Ludlow Juniors staged a special day aimed at preparing children for the 21st Century.

The children took part in arts, crafts and practical skills - from repairing a puncture to saving someone's life - mixed in with rocket science, problem solving and the latest computer technology.

In addition of course, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Sally Swann as Head teacher. She has been a great Head who has always cared passionately about the pupils in her care and will be greatly missed by everyone.



### Ludlow Infants—Learning through Fun

As part of this terms learning Ludlow Infants held a seaside day.

The children played in paddling pools, rode on donkeys, watched a Punch and Judy show and even got to enjoy an ice cream.

For Sports Day the children took part in different activities, followed by an egg and spoon race and a flat race.

Following SATs the Year 2 children swim everyday for a week. By the end of the week all children are able to play confidently in the water.



### Burford—Experimenting

Burford held a science day.

All pupils took part in a diverse learning experience, rotating around the classrooms, taking part in a lots of different and exciting science experiments. They were able to test and make many different things, extending their scientific knowledge and having fun too.

### St Thomas Cantilupe—Reflecting

St Thomas Cantilupe enjoyed two days of group work to celebrate Values and the Trinity. The school has worked very hard on reflecting on what this means for them as pupils in their school, looking at how they can apply it in their everyday lives.

Year 3 visited Madley Environmental Centre, and enjoyed a great day of nature and art combined, in a beautiful rural environment.

Year 6 also had a great time in London and as always were wonderful ambassadors for the school.

