

CEO Newsletter January 2019 A belated Happy New Year to Everyone.



Before we look forwards, I want to celebrate the fantastic achievement by the Mullion School Choir who won the 'Sing Out for Christmas' competition run by BBC Radio Cornwall. As winners, they performed at the BBC Radio Cornwall Christmas Service on Tuesday 4th December 2018 in Truro Cathedral and the recording was transmitted on Christmas Day. We are very proud of their achievement! Well done to Miss Morrison and the students for all their hard work.

On December 18th, it was with great sadness and great pride that we celebrated the life of Father Peter Johnson, one of our Trustees, who died following a brief and challenging battle with cancer. We are all very grateful for his service to the community as Vicar of the West Kerrier Benefice. Father Peter worked with Porthleven, Germoe, Breage, Sithney and Godolphin schools as their local vicar, but also as Chair of Governors for Breage School until taking up the role of Trustee for Southernly Point Co-operative Multi-Academy Trust. Father Peter was a fount of wisdom, professionalism and good humour. We will miss him enormously.



The Trust wide Raffle in December raised a total of £3,700 for our schools. The main prize winner, Audrey Harris, a grandparent to two children at Mullion Primary School was delighted. The top ticket seller was Jack from Godolphin School who was equally delighted with his £100 prize. Please do give us feedback on the Raffle and how it can be improved and developed. Huge thanks to Leigh Yates for organising it on behalf of all the schools and to the school staff for their support in its roll out locally.



Halwin School have been extremely lucky and have received some wonderful book boats for their classrooms. Mrs Tamblin worked closely with Simon Coombe from Falmouth Marine School to create some new furniture. I think you will agree that they look absolutely stunning! A very big thank you to the team at Falmouth Marine School for the new book boats, made free of charge. Thanks also to Mr Dunn for collecting them and to the FOH who have covered the cost of the materials – money well spent!



As we begin the New Year, I thought it would be a good time to remind everyone of our Trust's vision: **Enabling Excellence Together**. We are aiming for **Excellence** in the educational experience and outcomes for all the children across our Trust. Everyone can play their part in **Enabling** this excellence to happen, whether you are a member of the school staff, or the central team, a parent or a member of the local community. And, we choose to do this **Together**. Co-operation is at the heart of what we do. Our work is underpinned by the co-operative values: Self-help, Self-responsibility, Equity, Equality, Democracy, Solidarity, Openness and Honesty, Social Responsibility and Care for Others. If you want to see this vision in more detail, you can see our 'Trust Vision' on the Southerly Point Co-operative Multi-Academy Trust website.

If you want to be more involved, you will be really welcome. Our schools hold forums once a term that you can attend to have your say and help your school (Forum: Parents and Carers, Staff, Community and Alumni. The children meet as School Council to have their voice heard). Or you could apply to become a governor. There are other practical ways of being involved – do speak to your Headteacher if you are interested in doing more.

Here is a flavour of some of the ways we have been working to achieve our vision: Enabling Excellence Together.

- joint training events for teaching maths and English
- sharing of staff across schools to help out when there has been a long term absence
- sharing expertise to encourage and support staff as they develop in their roles
- school to school reviews to help schools evaluate their work and find ways of doing things more effectively
- visits for teachers to see the excellent practice across our schools
- coaching
- research projects
- development of the Apprenticeships programmes ... and much more!

We are all looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year ahead, one that will doubtless have its own challenges but we will meet those together.

One challenge continues to be school funding – this is a real and present challenge for all schools across the UK but especially in rural areas such as Cornwall. We use what we have to the maximum benefit but really need the funding to keep up with rising costs and the demands on schools to do evermore with less. If you want to support us in this, please do write to your MP to express your concern. We are grateful to our PTAs who help to make a difference to specific projects in the schools and want to say a special thank you to them.

Thank you for working with us and supporting the work of the schools in our Trust.



Kind regards

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Social Responsibility Honesty Openness Caring for Others