#### Hesketh-with-Becconsall All Saints Church of England Primary School



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### **School Improvement Newsletter - Issue 7**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the seventh issue of our School Improvement Newsletter which focuses the next steps in our journey of academisation.

As confirmed in the last week of the summer term we will be joining the Learning Together Trust which is based in Wigan.



More information about the Learning Together Trust can be found on their website:

https://www.learningtogethertrust.org/

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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Associate Headteacher

'May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good dead and word.' 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

#### **Academisation**

Since the announcement in July, we have been working closely behind the scenes with the Trust team, Lancashire County Council, Blackburn Diocese, and the Department for Education to ensure a smooth handover. Once this happens you will be delighted to hear that our school

will retain its name and because of the Learning Together Trust's ethos will remain our unique Christian School whilst benefiting from their expertise and passion in a spirit of collaboration.

We will still be part of the Blackburn Diocesan Family of Church Schools, maintain our links with All Saints Church and work with other schools in our locality including sporting events.



#### An introduction to the Learning Together Trust



The Learning Together Trust has a single legal and moral purpose: to advance education for the public benefit.

We are a family of schools, who work in partnership, to ensure that every child within each school receives the best education, rooted in Christianity, that equips them for success in the next phase of their learning and later life. Collaboration is at the heart of the Learning Together Trust. We are outward facing, working collaboratively within our family, whilst also embracing opportunities to form partnerships outside of our School Trust.

Learning Together Trust currently has four schools, who are each unique and at different stages of their journey to excellence, all making valuable contributions towards improving and maintaining high educational standards across our School Trust. Our schools' benefit from working across two different Dioceses and two different Local Authorities.

We help our local communities to thrive by giving our children an education of the highest quality, a broad range of extra-curricular opportunities, exciting and engaging enrichment provision, and unique and memorable experiences.

Schools in our Trust family enjoy many benefits, including: the sharing of ideas, expertise and 'best practice'; structured career pathways and professional development; and specialist support, enabling teachers and school leaders to focus on teaching and learning.

St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy is the founding school of the Learning Together Trust and has received approval from the Department for Education to sponsor and support underperforming academies.

Learning Together Trust is committed to welcoming new schools and sharing our distinctly Christian ethos and spirit of collaboration.

#### **Learning Together Trust Values**

Our Christian Values, which are rooted in scripture, are at the heart of our Schools and our Trust. They help us to live out the Church of England Christian Vision of Life in all its Fullness.

Trust: 'The Lord is your strength and shield. Trust Him.' Psalm 28:7

Love: 'Let all that you do be done in Love.' 1 Corinthians 16:18

Hope: 'Always put your Hope in God.' Psalm 42:5

#### **Learning Together Trust Mission Statement**

'Learning Together...to achieve success for all God's children.'
With Christ at the centre of all that we do, we will create a culture of collaboration and excellence and take our Trust on a journey of growth and success.

#### **Learning Together Trust Prayer**

Dear Lord,
Thank you for our Trust family,
Guide us to do our best in everything that we do,
Let us follow Jesus; to Love and Trust one another,
Make us beacons of Hope in our communities,
For with you, we know that all things are possible.
Amen

All those involved in academisation process participate in fortnightly meetings, and it is anticipated that we will convert from the control of Lancashire Local Authority to the Learning Together Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023, however this is subject to legal conditions and deadlines being met. More information will be shared closer to this time.

Please pray for all those involved in the process:

Heavenly Father, Creator of the heavens and earth,
we are confident that You sovereignly place every leader
and that You have marked the days for
which You use them for Your purposes.
By Your mighty hand we pray that You would be merciful
and work in the hearts of those to whom You give authority.
Heavenly Father, we seek the guidance of your Holy Spirit
as those leaders meet to discuss the future of our school.
May it give them wisdom and understanding to do your will
for the benefit of all who teach and learn at our school,
and for the advancement of your Kingdom on earth.

Amen

We are pleased to inform you that members of the Learning Together Trust Team will be at school for our Open Day on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.



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## Wednesday 1st November 2023

10.00-11.30am; 1.30-3pm & 5-6pm

Please join us on All Saints Day for our Open Day.



We look forward to welcoming prospective pupils for the September 2024 New Intake.

We also have places in other year groups so please come along and see what our school has to offer.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Open Days, on the whole, are for prospective pupils and their parents to visit however there have been so many positive changes to the internal learning environment in school that we are extending this invitation to our whole school family. Members of the Learning Together Trust will be available to speak with and answer any questions you may have in each of the three sessions: 10.00-11.30am; 1.30-3pm & 5-6pm.

What better way to celebrate Hesketh-with-Becconsall All Saints than to open our doors on All Saints Day!

We hope that you will find this an excellent opportunity to find out more.

#### **Keeping in touch**

We want to ensure that we communicate well with parents and carers and so have been reviewing how we do this. Parental Feedback is good regarding the use of Parent Mail for newsletters, letters, and texting.

We do use **X** (Twitter) to celebrate achievements and special events however this is not widely responded to, and we are conscious that the school website is still under construction and is not updated as often as we would like.

We would prefer to provide a service whereby the updates are on a regular basis. This would mean that parents and the wider community are kept up to date with current school issues, from the celebration of children's learning to holiday dates and pertinent reminders.



To provide such a service, we have created a school account using the social media platform, Facebook. Our page has been built and will be maintained by a reputable company, who are providing the service, paid for by school, to maintain safeguarding standards and security of information.

Our page is ready to 'go live' and we would ask that you 'like' all the positives happening in school and follow our page so you can be kept 'in the loop' of all that is taking place.

A message will go out via Parent Mail to let you know when we make our first post! This is not replacing any of our usual communications but will enhance our information sharing and we hope that you will find engaging in this media useful.

Our school Facebook page will not be used as a messaging platform to respond to any issues and queries that you have regarding your child's education and respectfully request you communicate these, on an initial basis, directly to the class teacher.

Thank you in advance of your support.

#### Coming in Issue 7... Spotlight on the English Curriculum