



## Welcome from our Chief Executive Officer

It is difficult to believe that it has only been seven months since converting to academy status and joining together as four schools. In that short space of time so much has been achieved and that is a credit to everyone working so hard to make their bit a success. Despite the changes standards have improved in all of the schools and at a time when school budgets are under severe pressure, the four schools and the MAT as a whole are effectively managing this situation. As we move into a new academic year we need to continue to explore ways of working together ensuring that everyone can play their part, find ways of communicating effectively and put the 'fun' back into learning and education. Thank you for all your support. Justin Stone



## School Improvement Officer



As the School Improvement Officer, I am responsible for monitoring standards and arranging professional development opportunities across the academy to improve outcomes for your children. Although we have been formed for a relatively short time, teachers have had several opportunities to work together on

different projects.

The heads meet every second week to share ideas and agree events. Every half term we have a joint staff meeting where teachers usually get together in year groups across the academy to share ideas, resources and moderate work. As the work of the academy evolves the momentum and impact of this work will be evident.

## Beauty and the Beast

Year 6 children across the academy had the opportunity to watch the year 6 production of Beauty and the Beast at Bowhill which was an absolute corker.



Everyone who managed to see it was blown away by the slick professionalism of the performers and the supporting band.

*'It was awesome'*

## Updates from Events:

### Pupils

West-Exe hosted an academy sports day on July 7<sup>th</sup> for YR 4 and 5. Sports leaders from West-Exe organised the event. This included sprints, long jump, javelin, relays and tug of war. Parents were invited to the event and the weather was perfect. All events were tightly contested and all children received certificates and the winners of each event received a medal. The overall winners were Alphington. This will be an annual event

*'I loved competing against other schools'*

*'Everyone was supporting each other and the events were so well organised'*



### Safeguarding

Snapchat have introduced a new facility : snap map where it is possible to trace the location of users. This is not advisable for children. However you can turn it off which is highly recommendable.

To keep your location private from your friends you will have to turn on Ghost Mode. Go to the Snap Map homepage and in the top right hand corner you will see a cog or the usual setting symbol, to change your location sharing setting you can click on this.<http://metro.co.uk/2017/06/23/how-to-turn-on-ghost-mode-on-snapchats-snap-map>

**If you feel you would like to share an event that would interest the parents or community of the academy, please contact:**

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## Academy Ambassadors

Our Academy's values include involving all stakeholders at every level. A fundamental part of the Academy's vision and values is to ensure that 'pupils' have a voice and are involved at a strategic level in the decision making and learning process.

Each school appointed four ambassadors who will be involved in a range of opportunities to promote the vision and values across the year. On July 12<sup>th</sup> they met at St Thomas before venturing onto the other three schools. Throughout the day the children worked together, touring each school, discussing:

- What was special about their school,
- What makes an effective school?
- Their reflections on the day
- What they would like to do next.



*'I really enjoyed exploring the other schools and getting to know them. I also loved making new friends.'*

*'To bring our ideas together'*

*'See the spaces and resources from the other school'*

*'what features make that school that school'*

*'all of the schools are unique but they do have a lot in common.'*

*Next time...*

*'Find out each other's strengths and weaknesses'*

*'We could do some art together'*

*'Team sports together'*

*'Looking at how we learn in our school'*

## Interesting free events in the Summer

### **Buckfast Abbey Beekeeping Visits**

*Sunday mornings all summer, Buckfastleigh*

Tour the beekeeping department at Buckfast Abbey and learn more about the famous Buckfast Bee. Visits last a couple of hours and include a talk, visit to the bees (protective suits are provided!) and light refreshments. There's a max group size of 10, children must be aged over 5 and above, and visits must be pre-booked – entry to the abbey and gardens is free, as are these guided visits. [More](#)

### **Summer Fair at The Donkey Sanctuary**

*August 13 2017, Sidmouth*

This lovely place is always free to visit, and a great time to go is on the day of its Summer Fair. This year will be bigger and better than ever, with entertainment for the whole family, including food and drink, shopping, donkey meet and greet, trailer rides, Punch and Judy, live music and entertainment, stalls and games run by our volunteers and staff and go-karting.

There are also [free summer activities](#) going on at The Donkey Sanctuary (entry to the sanctuary is always free) from July 23-August 31 2016.

[More](#)

### **Exmouth Kite Festival 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of August**



### **Children's Week on Paignton Green**

*August 15-19 2017*

This annual week of fun returns to Paignton Green on August 15 with fun and entertainment for all the family.

There'll be a packed programme of performances, workshops and events throughout the week, the majority of which will be free. [More](#)

The museum in Exeter is has a range of activities for children during the Summer.

<https://www.rammuseum.org.uk/>

**Don't forget to let us know if you would like to share information, updates or events across the Trust.**

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