

# Spring NEWS



# VISION

MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



ISSUE 2 SPRING 2018

A community of schools in which our children come first

## A message from the Chief Executive

The aim of this newsletter is to give a glimpse of some of the activity that has been taking place across Vision Multi Academy Trust since our launch in July 2017.

School to school support is at the heart of the philosophy of a Multi Academy Trust – it is about being and working together. We learn from each other - challenge and support are the foundation of what we are about.

Vision Multi Academy Trust is committed to providing the very best opportunities and education for each and every one of our pupils, and we have developed the vision for the Trust across the

schools. We want all our children to be **happy, challenged, successful** and **proud**. By working together and encouraging collaboration, we have the ability to offer enhanced opportunities for all pupils and staff across the entire Trust.

**Carol McLachlan**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Our **Academies**

### PRIMARY ACADEMIES

East Ward Primary School



Higher Lane Primary School



Sunny Bank Primary School



## Collaboration

Vision Multi Academy Trust has gone from strength to strength since its inception on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017, and the Spring Term has brought even more opportunity for cross-Trust collaboration. Since the beginning of the year, our staff and pupils have had many chances to work side-by-side. We have had another Joint-Trust twilight, an **important step** in **reinforcing** professional **partnerships** between our **three schools**.

## Parents' Forum

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the parents' forums in each of the schools. We have had excellent support from parents in all our schools in the desire for the schools to develop and succeed.

## A message from the Chair

After another successful term, the trustees and members have been working with the executive leadership team to ensure that the Trust is compliant with all DfE legislation, as well as ensuring that the schools are



continually working towards all of our children being **happy, challenged, proud** and **successful**. We are pleased to see the benefits of the 3 schools working together, and are looking forward to more of this joint working next term.

**Councillor David Jones, Chair of the Board**



## Fire Awareness Training

All staff in Vision Multi Academy Trust have undertaken fire awareness training. The training covered many different aspects including the impact of fire, causes of fire, how to avoid fires starting and action in the event of fire.

The sessions were extremely informative but we hope never to have to deal with a fire in one of our schools.

## Member and Trustee Meetings

All schools continue to have local governing body meetings and the Trust has termly full Trust Board meetings and subcommittee meetings. These meetings are crucial in the running of the academies as they are a forum for discussion where reports are given and decisions are made for the future development of the academies in the Trust.

## Central Services

We are pleased to announce that we are moving to new providers for health and safety services and also HR support. This is great news for our schools, as we will be receiving fully comprehensive support packages at a great cost. We are able to negotiate better deals because as three schools we have stronger buying powers. We are now able to procure services that were previously not feasible.

We are also in the process of working with PS Financials to implement a new budgeting and accounting package.



elliswhittam

brownejacobson



PS Financials

### School Council

This term I have had the pleasure of meeting the school councillors in each of the three schools. All of the children made me feel extremely welcome and were very proud of their schools.



In the meetings the children asked me about my role as the Chief Executive Officer across the Trust and the Trust's future plans. The children also shared their goals and aspirations. We discussed the Vision of all children being **happy, challenged, successful and proud** and how in their role as school councillors they can promote the vision. The children were very keen to meet the school councillors from the other schools and therefore we are in the process of arranging a meeting for the children to come together.

### The Strategic School Improvement Fund

The Strategic School Improvement Fund is a government grant to support schools. Working with Bury Teaching School Alliance, Vision Multi Academy Trust is part of the Power of Reading Project funded by the Strategic School Improvement Fund. The project is focusing on developing and improving reading across the Trust.

As part of the Power of Reading project we have collected data on both children's motivation and achievement in literacy focusing on:

- children's pleasure and interest in books and reading;

- children's engagement with a culturally rich and diverse range of books and reading material;
- children's achievement in reading;
- children's achievement in writing.

Using this information schools have produced an action plan to further develop and accelerate progress in reading. As part of the project each class has a new range of books to share as a class text which will be used to support not only developments in reading but in writing.

### International Women's Week



International  
women's  
week

All of the schools in the Trust joined in with International Women's Week. This was a time to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.