



Winter Newsletter

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Welcome from the CEO

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a packed Autumn term, I would like to celebrate our achievements as individuals, as schools and as a trust. Our determination, back in September, was to reclaim the fullness of school life, which had felt depleted by Covid in the previous 18 months. We are so proud of the pupils and staff for embracing this aim. The challenges we continue to face in education are very real, and undoubtably we are all feeling a sense of fatigue as we approach the end of term. These challenges have proved more pronounced as we endeavour to catch up learning after our covid disruption, manage ongoing pandemic tasks and still deliver the fantastic all-round education our schools are known for.



This term, I have been delighted to discover all the wonderful activities our schools are still trying to deliver, despite the challenges they are facing. Celebration exists in all our schools in whatever form it takes. For me, to be able to visit some of our schools and celebrate with the pupils their achievements in writing, phonics, friendships, participation and reading, amongst many other things, has been a real privilege. The building of communities, the strength of individual relationships, the conveying of belief to each other -this is the Christmas message.

One of our schools in the family, Thomas Harding Junior School had an Ofsted Inspection a few weeks ago, confirming that it remains a good school. The Lead Inspector cited the following in her report: "Pupils are happy and love coming to Thomas Harding school. This school has a positive buzz of excitement as pupils engage readily with their learning. They are safe and looked after well. Pupils are at the heart of everything staff do. Leaders make sure that every child is valued. Consequently, pupils are proud of their school, and they thrive".

The schools, staff, pupils, parents, carers, and the community have all contributed to this fantastic achievement and I am very proud to have such a stunning school as part of the ODBST family. Everything this school stands for is centred around having all its children at the heart of every decision and every action taken. Thank you to all our children, staff, governors, and parents whose every day efforts make our schools beacons of hope in their communities. As the nights draw in, these stars shine brightly. All those we serve are contributing and benefiting from an education that promotes and drives excellence in academic achievement, but also sees achievement in its widest forms- achievements in community engagement, participation, appreciation of difference, kindness, and self discovery.

It is not currently possible to say what January will bring, though we are all prepared to keep calm and carry on. Please do take all possible precautions to keep safe and well so that we have the best possible chance of maintaining the momentum in 2022.

Until then, best wishes to all our families for the Christmas Season.

Mrs Sulina Piesse, CEO ODBST

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A Message from the Chair of Trustees

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the autumn term and approach Christmas, I would like to express my gratitude to all staff, governors and parents for all that they have done to keep children safe and in education this term. Despite some on-going challenges we have faced, there have been successes and developments that we must look to celebrate and build on as we move forward into the New Year. I think our mission to “empower all of our unique schools to excel” has never been more relevant to the times we are living through.



I would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding in recent months. Our schools have tried to deliver the best experience for our pupils as possible, and we have been grateful for the kind words of support that schools have received from parents and carers whilst we have tried to ensure high quality learning experiences for our pupils in a safe environment.

As we enter 2021, I am hopeful that the world will continue to move forward to a better place and that we will all continue to learn and grow from the challenges we have faced over the last two years and use our resilience to continue to strive to achieve the very best for all our pupils.

Over the Christmas holiday we would encourage everyone to follow the guidance around Covid-19 so that we can keep our schools and communities safe as we move into the New Year.

Wishing you all a peaceful, safe and restful Christmas holiday and a prosperous and successful New Year.

Best wishes,

Malcolm Peckham

Chair of Trustees, ODBST

Padbury Church of England School

I can't believe we are already nearing the end of the Autumn term. Again, time just seems to whip past so quickly. We are busy in school preparing for Christmas. The singing from Reception and Key Stage 1 has been a real joy to listen to and has lifted everyone's spirits while Key Stage 2 are rehearsing the traditional carols in preparation for a live Zoom carol service. We have had a great term in that we have not needed to move to remote education for any groups. A new reading/phonics scheme purchased at the start of term is really helping those younger children who have been most affected by the disruption to learning. Rapid progress in phonics and reading is being seen already.

Being the Best that we can be...making a difference.

This term we have continued to fund raise as a school and as individuals with a purpose! Through the purchase of poppies, we managed to raise £253.75 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We then went onto raise £253.50 for Children in Need.



Sometimes though, individuals decide to show our vision of being the best they can be on their own, outside of school. Firstly, Iona in Year 3 has raised a staggering £1190 for the MacIntyre Care Charity with her brother Fraser, a former pupil, by training and walking 10 miles! They also held a delicious cake sale.

Another pupil, Darcie, has also shown what a difference she can make to others outside of our school community. During Lockdown, Darcie in Year 3, spent time writing to a lady called Patricia as part of a Pen Pal project and continued to do so even after the lockdown ended. She even featured in the BBC3 counties radio advert for the project. She was recently rewarded by the owner of the CLLP with a prize to design her own t-shirt, her T-shirt was a picture of her and Patricia. A couple of weeks ago Darcie sent a letter with all her latest news and a picture of her T-shirt but sadly Patricia didn't get to read it as she passed away. The care home wrote to us to ask if Darcie would like to write to another resident as her letters brought Patricia and her family so much joy.



We are all extremely proud of Darcie for embracing the project and continuing to support it for such a long time. Well done Darcie for making such a difference and for continuing to reach out to others.

Lucy McFarlane
Headteacher
Padbury Church of England School

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Curzon School

Jubilee Tree Planting at Penn House

Our older children visited Penn House as part of their local history unit and assisted Countess Howe (in her role as Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire) in planting a tree at Penn House as part of the Queen's jubilee tree planting project. This official tree planting ceremony was attended by local dignitaries and a representative from Buckinghamshire Council Communications Team. Our thanks go to Countess Howe and her team for including us in such a momentous event.



Nativity

Our Key Stage 1 children put on a fantastic production of Born in the Barn. With great singing, dancing, speaking and acting, this was a super show that was enjoyed by all.



Victorian Project

The children displayed their homework "exhibits" at the Class 6 Great Exhibition. All of the children did a superb job and there was a fantastic range of projects. Once they had gained entry with their admissions ticket, they saw detailed research booklets, replica clothes, houses, toys, a prison and even a theatre that displayed an illusion of a ghost! Well done Year 6 for making a truly memorable morning! The children thoroughly enjoyed their Victorian themed day. In the morning they practised calligraphy using dip pens in ink, completed grammar exercises from 1884, wrote on chalk boards and played traditional playground games. At lunchtime they enjoyed their traditional Victorian lunches and drinks and during the afternoon they were put through their paces during drill time and needle craft.



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St Marys School Aylesbury

This Autumn Term, the St Mary's community have been living out our Christian Values of compassion and love by taking part in lots of fundraising activities, organised by our Junior Leadership Team (supported by the wonderful Mrs Clark) to help those in our society who may not be as fortunate as us.

Our first event was 'Wear Red' to support Show Racism the Red Card - a fantastic organisation that helps to tackle racism in society and delivers educational workshops to young people and adults in schools. £343 was collected and was sent to this very worthwhile cause.

The school turned spotty for Children in Need in November, and raised £477, when we all wore our best spotty outfits! For over half a century BBC Children in Need have been raising money for young people in the UK that need help. Its mission is to help ensure every child in the UK is safe, happy, secure and has the opportunities they need to reach their potential.



Our amazing community paid our respects to those who lost their lives in conflicts around the world ensuring their unique contribution is never forgotten by taking part in the annual Remembrance events. The Royal British Legion is at the heart of a national network that supports our Armed Forces community and we raised a massive £621.

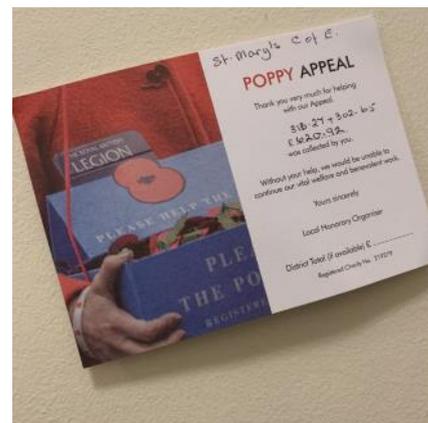
To help get us in to the festive spirit on the run up to Christmas we combined our Christmas Dinner day with Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Our community's donation of £223 will help them to support even more children over the next year.

We have also supported the local foodbank, Storehouse, by collecting donations at Harvest and a Reverse Advent Calendar. The donations of food go to families across the Aylesbury vale to help support them when faced with challenging times.

The last 18 months or so have been incredibly challenging for all of us and it is humbling to know that despite this our community continues to 'Shine as lights in the world'.

Wishing the ODBST family and beyond a very happy and safe Christmas,

The St Mary's Team



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Woodside Junior School

Woodside has had a busy term seeing 60 new Year 3 children settle and then perform a fantastic Harvest assembly. The new starters were treated by the school to a day of team building . Their activities included blindfolded obstacle courses and team games.

The Year 4 children are busy preparing for their performance of Aladdin! They also had an amazing trip to Ufton Court for a Greek day. During the day, the children learnt about Greek life and achievements, and their impact on the modern world. They also were able to experience elements of culture and life in Ancient Greece.



On Friday 8th October, Mike Mullen from BMX Academy visited the school to showcase not only his ability to perform stunts but also to talk to the children about the importance of resilience, perseverance and ambition. We enjoyed a whole school assembly and then year 6 took part in workshops.

Our year 5 and 6 School Council represented the school at Radio Christmas on Monday 13th December. They hosted a radio programme, raising money for Street Kids Direct. They did a marvellous job entertaining their listeners!



The children have been taking part in a variety of sporting festivals at our local secondary schools as part of our partnership. Year 3 have enjoyed skipping and Circuits. Year 4 experienced a Yoga workshop and Year 5 took part in an Ultimate frisbee Festival. Well done to year 6 for winning in the recent Dodgeball Festival!

We are pleased to now be part of Schools' Cross-Country. This term, we have participated in two Saturday morning competitions and around 40 children from year 3 to year 6 have taken part. We are so proud of the children's resilience, positivity and willingness to take part. We look forward to the next event at the end of January!

To end the term, the community will come together to support PTA fundraising and sing carols by candlelight and starlight on the large playground(all social distance measured and in place!)

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Elmtree School and Nursery

On Friday 3rd December, Elmtree took part in an Elf dash to help raise money for McMillan Cancer support. We managed to raise an amazing £105.

All of the children and staff at Elmtree visited The Elgiva theatre on 7th December to watch Snow White. They thoroughly enjoyed it.

The children performed in their Christmas productions of 'We Three Kings'. They have made all the staff extremely proud and it was lovely to have been able to invite families to come and watch the performances.



Elmtree also took part in the Christmas Rotary float to raise money for local charities. Thank you to all staff, parents and EFF volunteers. It was a cold but brilliant evening.

It is hard to believe the Autumn term is over. It has been an extremely busy but a wonderful few weeks at Elmtree. The staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure all of the fun activities can still go ahead as planned. The children have made us proud despite the ever changing circumstances.

Parent Voice

"We are writing to convey our absolute pleasure at attending Year 1's performance of The Three Kings Nativity. The organisation of all the staff and the behaviour of the children was exemplary. It was such a treat to be in the school for something as joyous and celebratory as the nativity and you all made us parents feel welcome and safe in the current circumstances".

Pupil Voice

- "I enjoyed making my Christmas cards"
- "I've enjoyed learning how different numbers add up"

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Chesham Bois School

Tinsel and Tea Towels—A review of Key Stage 1's Nativity

This week Chesham Bois School was visited by some inspectors. The Inspectors observed the school's rehearsals for our nativity production and were very pleased to hear what the children had learnt from the nativity story. This included the fact that when Jesus was born in a barn, they didn't have phones or newspapers but God had very important news to tell the world so he sent hundreds and hundreds of angels to fill the sky with singing. Just before the children went on stage for the final performance, there was some dispute over tinsel, missing sheep and who should hold baby Jesus. However, it all came together in the end and every child sparkled and shone. Miss Goodenough exclaimed that this nativity topped the lot! The school was so pleased to receive a certificate of excellence from the inspectors. The children had a wonderful time performing to their parents. We hope the parents enjoyed watching as much as we loved performing. We are all ready for the Christmas holidays now!

Year 1 and Year 2

Snow White at The Elgiva

On Wednesday, CBS went to The Elgiva in Chesham to watch 'Snow White'. The pantomime was great, the actors were great and they were all so funny! They encouraged us all to join in. My favourite character was Muddles and his mum. The actors sang their own version of 'On the first day of Christmas', we all found this soooooo funny

especially when they threw toilet rolls at us! I also really enjoyed the part at the end when Muddle's mum was dressed up as superman and the huntsman accidentally popped the balloon hidden in her dress! This was really funny as they didn't mean to do this and everyone looked so surprised. I think the show was hilarious and I would definitely recommend it to families!

By Harry Y6



Radio Christmas—Year 4

On Thursday, a group from Year 4 were lucky enough to broadcast live on Radio Christmas! We had written a script and our whole class helped us decide what we wanted to share whilst on the radio. We told stories of elves taking over Amersham, shared funny Christmas jokes, a Christmas quiz and a crazy weather report.

Thank you to all of our listeners, especially those who sent us a message and Mrs Rowland's mum who called the show! Your messages gave us lots of confidence. We really enjoyed being on the radio and would like to thank Radio Christmas for inviting us. We hope Year 3 enjoy it as much as we did when it is their turn next year.

Emily, Year 4



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Great Horwood School

Maples had a wonderful day 'Creating Christmas'. The first half of the morning was spent putting last year's Christmas present (courtesy of the PTFA) to good use, describing Christmas words for their team mates to guess against the clock. Following this, the children got busy with glue sticks, paint and glitter, crafting Christmas cards and decorations.



Hawthorns class worked extremely hard to plan, create and deliver their remembrance service. They took the lead in writing the script and selecting the songs that they wanted to include. Some children also included pieces about their family members whom had roles during conflicts. A parent said: 'Including the names of each of those from the village who died during the Wars was very poignant, as was the inclusion of the family photos and



mentions from several of the children. Hawthorns topic for this half term is the Victorians. The children have been exploring what life was like in the Victorian era, specifically focusing on what this meant for children and comparing this to their own lives today. To support this, we were fortunate enough to have a visit from Dr Martin, a local historian and previous GHS parent, who delivered a presentation to the class about what life was like in Great Horwood during the Victorian times. On Sunday 5th December Key Stage 2 held their very own concert alongside the Great Horwood Silver Band. The band played a variety of carols to get the audience singing along whilst the children shared their own performances of singing and music. A special well done goes to Thea (in Year 4) who bravely conducted the group of pupil musicians, Ellie (in Year 5) who played walking in the air on the piano, and Rehan (in Year 6) who sang underneath the tree. The children all did a fantastic job and helped to bring the Christmas spirit to GHS for 2021!



Longwick School



We have had a really busy term here at Longwick focussing on two of our values, peace and responsibility and how we celebrate these values in a cross curricular way. We all looked to the impact of war and how war should be resolved, culminating on a whole school poppy display where children developed their artistic prowess in varying medium to create a single outcome. Work sat alongside this with reflections on the way different religions tackle war and how it sits with fundamental religious practice of peace and forgiveness as well as some considered poetry and reading. Year 6 represented us at the war memorial in Longwick and Year 2 also paid a visit there as part of their learning.

We extended our thinking to consider how we can all be kind and caring and as part of our anti-bullying week we decided we would all work on being extra kind to each other and throw our kindness around!

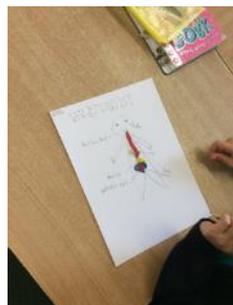


We have been really engaged in becoming Scientists of the 21st Century and we have investigated rocks including inviting a specialist to work with us and then going on to look at fossils, looked at how to keep our mouths and teeth healthy before moulding teeth out of clay and thinking about how to keep the digestive and circulatory systems fit and healthy. We work hard on our physical fitness too running the daily mile, and this week running it as a Santa fun run, as well as raising money for Great Ormond Street in our fun run which was part of our whole school fitness week. Linking our physical fitness to our scientific understanding and to our mental fitness is all part of our Longwick initiatives.

Investigating rocks



Digestive System



Clay teeth



Blood creation



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St John's Lacey Green

It has been a busy term at St John's. They had their annual Christmas lunch at school last week. The pupils were asked to come in Christmassy outfits to raise money for the Children's Air Ambulance and managed to raise £300!



Pupils from Year 1 and 2 took part in their first competitive Unihoc tournament at PRUS. The children performed brilliantly to secure third place overall. The school also held their first outdoor Christmas Fair!



Pupils in Key Stage 2 were excited to attend a virtual event with Lora Fachie MBE, Paralympic cyclist. Lora is visually impaired and grew up in a family where blindness was not a barrier to achieving. Lora has competed at three Paralympics winning gold at the Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 Games. Her important message was to embrace our failures and use it to build resilience to drive you on to success.



Key stage 2 also held their yearly panto this week "Not a Christmas Carol" which was absolutely wonderful.



Thomas Harding Junior School

This week Thomas Harding took part in Amersham's Radio Christmas. We sent 8 children from Year 5 and 6 and they broadcasted live for an hour online and on radio. The children shared jokes, songs from our Christmas production and poetry, making us very proud.



We have also taken part in 2 events for the Jubilee Queens Green Canopy . One in school and one at Pinewood Studios in Iver Heath. In both instances we planted a tree for this initiative. Our Year 5 Eco Warriors led the cause and did the actual planting. At Pinewood studios they also met the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang car! We planted our own tree in our school grounds, supported by our Eco-Warriors .



We were lucky enough to host a VR Workshop for anti bullying week giving children the opportunity to look at bullying incidents from all sides and discuss preventions and causes. As well as this the children wore odd socks to school to celebrate their differences and held a Show Racism the red card day. We looked at how racism shows itself, what the causes can be and how racism has affected people in our own school. We ended the day by celebrating our diversity in a special assembly.



Art Response - We all created photographic responses to our anti bullying week. The theme of the art response was 'be an upstander' some of the photos are attached and we also created a short film of them to share with parents and the community. The film is available here: <https://youtu.be/I8G6MHRbtUs>

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

A selection of our school's wonderful Christmas Cards.



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ODBST Updates

David Cousins

Mr David Cousins, the School Improvement Manager for ODBST has served our schools in the Trust for over four years, having established the Trust after working with ODST, our sister MAT. In January, he will be stepping away from his role as the Trust's School Improvement Manager. Throughout his CEO and School Improvement role, Mr Cousins has demonstrated expertise and commitment to all our schools. He has been pivotal in supporting and challenging our schools to be the very best they can be for the pupils they serve. Our colleagues have such respect and admiration for him, as do external partners. Thank you for all your work! Mr Cousins stays as an employee of the Trust as the Trust's Professional learning and development lead for the remainder of the academic year, adding focus and support for all colleagues in our Trust.



Jan Martin

Jan Martin is joining the ODBST Central team from January 22 as the new Director of Education. As the Headteacher of one of the first primary schools to join the ODBST she has been part of the Trust's journey from the outset; She is looking forward to building on the successes as well as exploring new directions.

Her journey has been a rich and varied one in education, having worked continuously in the sector for 33 years and, for 27 of those years, in Buckinghamshire. She has worked as a Headteacher in two schools as well as spending 7 years working for the Buckinghamshire School Improvement Service as SEND adviser and as a School Improvement Partner. Her work there took her into the secondary sector, upper and grammar schools, and also into specialist SEND settings, working in multi-agency partnerships and developing inclusion for all. She has a strong background in safeguarding and is clear that in our current world a priority in this area has never been more crucial.

Alongside this work she has also run her own company, supporting schools within and beyond the ODBST around inclusion and school improvement, including holding interim leadership posts and working as guest lecturer within one of the London Universities.



We are all looking forward to working with Jan in her new capacity as Director of Education.

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ODBST Leadership Conference

Just before our schools broke up for half-term, Oxford Diocesan Bucks Schools Trust held their first annual Leadership Conference at the Lane End Conference Centre.

The day was kicked off by challenging talks from both Malcom Peckham (Chair of Trustees for ODBST) and Sulina Piesse (CEO of ODBST), and some collaboration between the groups who were tasked with penning acrostic poems using the letters ODBST. This was followed by a spotlight on wellness led by Sarah Rowe. You can read more on our wellbeing programme later in this newsletter.

Before the break for lunch, there was a jam-packed session delivered by the School Improvement Manager David Cousins, on Ofsted Inspection Updates for the Autumn term. The lecture included a look at the recent Review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges, and how as a Trust we can ensure that we have effective safeguarding in place across the board.

After the conference broke for lunch, the afternoon saw a further four focus sessions. The first of which was a wonderful session led by Lucy McFarlane, Headteacher at Padbury School, on Diversity in Reading – why it matters and what schools can do. This was followed by a look at the Pure Phonics and Cued articulation, developed by Jane Passey and used in Elmtree Infant and Nursery School. Sophie Palumbo took the conference on a practical journey through the



method. The third session was delivered by Lorraine Quirk, Head Teacher of Christ the Sower Ecumenical School. This session pulled on her experiences of making the move from a school regarded by Ofsted as good, to a school in special measures and driving the metamorphosis of the school to unlock its full potential. Closing the conference was David Cousins (ODBST) with session on Character Education. Education for character is already integral to the work of excellent schools and an integral part of Ofsted's Personal Development judgment. David provided our schools with an opportunity to consider recent guidance and the frameworks developed by the Trust to evaluate and provide evidence of their schools work in this area.

Oxford Diocesan Bucks Schools Trust look forward to running more events, bringing the schools in their Trust together to share knowledge, expertise and best practice to further the development of all the wonderful pupils, teachers and staff that are part of the ODBST family.



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Staff Well-being

At ODBST we recognise the unprecedented challenges our schools and communities have faced in recent times. We are proud of how well our staff have risen to the frequent changing requirements, always ensuring our children are at the heart of what we do.



To support our staff, Trustees have committed to staff wellbeing as a priority across the Trust. We aim to develop a healthier and more positive workplace in each of our schools and across the Trust where employees can flourish, wellbeing is supported, and children ultimately benefit from being around happy healthy adults.



At the recent ODBST Leadership conference and again at the School Business Manager network meeting, a wellbeing session was delivered to both support leaders with their own wellbeing and discuss planned future developments.

The Trust has already implemented an Employee Assistance Programme that provides access to a confidential phone line and numerous resources via an app and portal; increased the Trust's training offering and streamlined a number processes and meetings. Further ideas are planned, and a working group is currently being established to understand which initiatives will really make a difference to our staff. We look forward to being able to share further updates with you in the future.

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Management Information System (MIS) Procurement

One of the many benefits of being part of a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) is purchasing with economies of scale. This was one of the reasons behind the decision to purchase a single Management Information system (MIS) for all our schools. In addition, if this procurement process was managed by the central team, it removes administrative burden on schools and allows them to focus purely on the product reviews of new systems in the market. This would better serve the schools and provide information to the central team and Trustees, which would further reduce workload on schools.

Furthermore, as part of the IT restructuring, the Trust is moving to a cloud based or server free system and wanted this also from the MIS. Many of the new MIS systems are so good that it means our schools can reduce the number of third party applications they purchase, thus save several thousands of pounds over a five year period. E.g. room booking, timetabling, communication, assessment and payment systems. Thus, the Trust began a formal tender process this Summer following time spent on soft marketing. This process is nearing its end and subject to no appeals a new cloud-based MIS will be in place from 1 April 2022 in all our schools.

During the process, bidders submitted written responses detailing their ability to meet each of the Trust's requirements and their suitability to manage the contract. The written responses were carefully evaluated by a panel of members from the central team, a school business manager, a headteacher and a Trustee before meeting each provider for a product demonstration and Q&A session.

RM: New Communication service to enhance digital learning across ALL our Schools



Whether you are a technophobe or a technology geek, you will have realised that technology is now a critical part of our lives – and the lives of our pupils. What is more – as you have probably come to appreciate – having the very latest gadget is of no use if you cannot get online to connect to the internet – ideally at a speed that makes tasks seamless.

With this in mind, we took the decision earlier this year to upgrade our broadband, online security and telephony services across all the schools in the Trust to ensure equal access to high-quality connectivity. This includes capacity for future growth as our use of cloud-based systems that will enable us to collaborate across the Trust are designed and then rolled out in the coming months. High speed connectivity will also be particularly important with our move to a new cloud-based MIS from the 1st April 2022.

Why RM?

We took the decision to appoint RM to provide us with new connectivity, telephony and security services. RM are a leading provider of technology & resources to the education sector, with over 20 years' experience of supplying connectivity to schools. As an education only provider their offering is focused on the impact that technology has on teaching and learning. They provide a fully managed connectivity service, allowing us peace of mind that we have secure and reliable connectivity that we can trust to be there when we need it most and to keep our students safe and on task.

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RM update continued...

What?

- Increased connectivity speeds to all our schools, including separate automated backup connections should any schools internet connection fail.
- Physical infrastructure coming into the buildings with future capacity for growth as the use of online services continues to increase.
- Advanced security and monitoring to protect against the increasing levels of external cyber security threats to our schools.
- Filtering designed specifically for schools, to keep our pupils safe online and an effective alerting system if issues arise that supports the work of our DSL's
- Support for the filtering of devices when away from schools
- New Trust wide 'phone systems to ensure consistency across all our schools & reduce call costs.

RM will be providing full monitoring, maintenance and support of our new broadband and communication platforms to ensure we continue to have stable, secure and fit for purpose connectivity for the life of the 5 year contract. This will empower our schools to develop innovative teaching & administration practices to support your work in achieving excellent educational outcomes.

How?

The central team and our external consultants from Moxton Education will be working with RM to design & install the new systems over the next few months. Richard Hadland (our RM Trust Relationship Manager, will be tasked with ensuring we get maximum value from the new service by focusing on positive educational outcomes), Jonathan Grady (our RM Project Manager will be responsible for rolling out the new solution), plus RM their engineers who you may see on site installing new equipment from the start of the New Year.

When?

RM will be working with our schools in the new year to begin planning switch over dates to the new services, minimising any disruption this may cause. When the new service goes live in the new term – at the latest by the 31st March next year, we will have all the benefits of a new, fast, reliable secure internet connection along with new phone hand-sets which RM will ensure we receive full training to use.



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Thomas Harding Junior School Ofsted success

Outcome

Thomas Harding Junior School continues to be a good school.

On the 9th and 10th November, Thomas Harding Junior School became the first school to have an inspection by Ofsted since joining Oxford Diocesan Bucks Schools Trust. We would all like to offer our warmest congratulations to Ms Nugent, all of her team and their wonderful pupils as Thomas Harding was judged as continuing to be a good school. Good A good school provides well for the needs of its pupils and prepares them effectively for the next stage of their education or employment.

The inspector noted that Pupils are happy and love coming to Thomas Harding school. This school has a positive buzz of excitement as pupils engage readily with their learning. They are safe and looked after well. Pupils are at the heart of everything staff do. Leaders make sure that every child is valued. Consequently, pupils are proud of their school, and they thrive.

The learning environment is vibrant. Motivating displays celebrate the academic and wider curriculum. Staff have high expectations for what pupils can achieve. This is an energising place to be. Pupils do well because of a carefully constructed curriculum underpinned by the school's values of aspiration, success, pride, integrity, resilience and equality. The school's values are truly lived by everyone day to day.

They were also impressed with the school leaders who "at all levels are highly effective and believe that their staff are the vital resource. They make sure that staff workload is managed effectively. A strong team ethos shines through this school. The teachers and support staff are willing to go the extra mile to benefit all pupils "

Parents were also full of praise for what the school does for their children. As one parent said, 'Thomas Harding is a wonderful school. The staff are so warm and friendly and inspire my children'.



St Marys CE Combined School



Ofsted: Good
email: office@st-marysayersbury.bucks.sch.uk
website: https://www.st-marysayersbury.bucks.sch.uk/

Chesham Bois CE School



Ofsted: Outstanding
email: Office@cbschool.co.uk
website: www.cheshamboisschool.co.uk

Curzon CE Combined School



Ofsted: Good
email: office@curzonschool.com
website: www.curzonschool.co.uk

Thomas Harding Junior School



Ofsted: Good
email: office@thomasharding.bucks.sch.uk
website: www.thomasharding.org.uk

Christ the Sower Ecumenical School



Ofsted: inadequate
email: school@ctsmk.org.uk
website: www.cts.milton-keynes.sch.uk

St John's CE Combined School



Ofsted: Good
email: office@stjohn.bucks.sch.uk
website: www.stjohn.bucks.sch.uk

Woodside Junior School



Ofsted: Good
email: office@woodside.bucks.sch.uk
website: www.woodsidejunior.co.uk

Longwick CE Combined School



Ofsted: Good
email: office@longwick.bucks.sch.uk
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Great Horwood CE Combined School



Ofsted: Good
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Elmtree Infant and Nursery School



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