

Issue 14  
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# Merry Christmas!

The Kite  
Academy  
Trust  
Flying high  
together

Dear Families,

At the beginning of the autumn term, the Kite Academy Trust – in collaboration with Surrey County Council – drafted a proposal to consider the possibility of relocating Lakeside Nursery & Primary Academy to the new-build school site on the Mindenhurst development in Deepcut.

A six week consultation was undertaken whereby families, staff, stakeholders and members of the community were welcomed to submit their views. The analysis of the consultation can be found on our website:

<https://www.thekiteacademytrust.org/news-and-events/latest-news/consultation-analysis-and-q-and-as/>

The Trustees met to review the consultation responses and decide whether the Trust should pursue the proposal further. Having agreed to proceed, the Trust submitted the proposal, accompanied by the information from the consultation, to the Regional Director of the Department for Education for consideration by the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board met on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The Trustees and the Executive Team have been in further discussion with the Regional Director about the proposed move, along with further discussions with Surrey County Council in relation to the provision of transport for children and additional funding to support the transition. It is now hoped that the Trust will be informed of a final decision by the start of next term. As soon as this is known, it will be shared with our community.

This term has also seen two of our academies be inspected by Ofsted. Within the Ofsted framework, the emphasis is now on the quality of education that the children receive throughout their time in school, rather than a judgement predominantly based on end of keystage data. Inspections now take a different approach; as a Trust, we are sharing the learning from the recent inspections with all of our leaders.

There is strict direction from Ofsted that the outcome of an inspection may not be shared outside of leadership until the finalised report is published. Ofsted's quality assurance process takes considerable time which results in a long wait for the final report to be made available and understandably causes frustration for school communities. Please be assured that any inspection report will be shared as soon as permitted by Ofsted.

As a proactive measure, an audit of safeguarding processes and arrangements has been commissioned so as to ensure that best practice is being followed across the Trust. A Trust-wide training day for all staff has been planned for 3rd January 2023 to deepen and strengthen our collaboration. Our staff will work in role-specific groups with colleagues from across the Trust: teachers will work together to develop our curriculum; support staff will work together on teaching phonics and reading, and will receive input from the National Autistic Society to support more complex needs; admin staff will work together to share best practice.

It has been another very busy term with lots to celebrate in all of our academies. The wonderful Christmas learning, activities and performances that our children have taken part in have been a fabulous way to end the term. I hope you have enjoyed them too - and I hope that you have chance to relax and enjoy the Christmas break with your families.

Best Wishes,

*Christine Dickinson*  
CEO

# Eating Well

Twelve15 cater school lunches in all of our Surrey academies. They provide fresh, two course hot meals cooked from scratch daily. Their recipes are developed to contain a wide range of nutrients to keep children energised and to support their health and development.

For more information about Twelve15, please see their latest newsletter:

<https://itstwelve15.co.uk/newsletter-december22/>

*Did you know?* Children in Reception, Year1 & Year 2 have the right to a free school meal. Children in all years that are eligible for Pupil Premium are also entitled to a free school meal. Please contact your academy office if you would like to sign up for a school meal.

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. Our team of Family Support Workers will be working in collaboration with the Farnborough Foodbank in the new year to set up a food parcel collection and drop off point at the Kite Family Hub (Adjacent to Mytchett Primary & Nursery Academy).

To support us with this project, we are looking for volunteers. Further details will be shared in the spring term's Kite Family Hub Newsletter, however if you are interested and would like to know more, please contact the Family Support Worker team at [fsw@kite.academy](mailto:fsw@kite.academy).

# Tech Upgrades

We are very excited by a recent classroom upgrade at Cross Farm. The brand new SMART MX265-V2 is a 65" multi touch 4K display that connects directly into our IT systems. It has been installed with a soundbar to provide loud and clear audio to the class and replaces the aging projector and whiteboard previously used. With industry-leading touch, digital ink and personalization features, the SMART MX-265 is an investment in seamless interactivity that we can count on for years to come.



We would like to thank the PTA at Cross Farm who funded 50% of this project.

# Come & Ask Sessions

Our Family Support Worker team will continue to hold Come & Ask sessions fortnightly during the spring term.

Dates for sessions are:

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

If you would like to attend a Come and Ask session but are unable to do so on a Thursday morning, please contact [fsw@kite.academy](mailto:fsw@kite.academy) and another day can be arranged.

Booking is required for Come & Ask sessions—details of how to book will be shared in the new year.

## Spring Term Workshop

### Understanding Children's Behaviour and Anger

Further details of this workshop will be shared in the new year

# Why not work for us?

Working in education offers the privilege of positively influencing the lives and outcomes for children and a rewarding working environment - this is true for all our staff, not just those in the classroom! We are currently looking to recruit an IT Technician to work with the IT Manager and other IT technicians within the Kite-wide team providing IT support across ten academies and the Central Business Team. This will include looking after academy networks, installing and maintaining software and hardware, VoIP telecoms, email support and maintenance, updating academy websites and providing technical support to staff.

Ideally, the position will be 36 hours, 52 weeks a year however flexible working and individual circumstances will be considered. The salary scale is Kite Pay Tier 3 £20,321 - £26,500, depending on experience, with performance related pay to allow progression.

Full details of the post can be found on our website:

<https://www.thekiteacademytrust.org/about-us/careers/job-opportunities/>

Should you wish to discuss any aspects of this post further, please email [jayne.godolphin@kite.academy](mailto:jayne.godolphin@kite.academy)

For an application pack, please email [recruitment@kite.academy](mailto:recruitment@kite.academy)

# Governance Support



We would like to say a very big thank you to our fantastic Trustees and Governors who all volunteer their time to support the Trust and its academies to provide the very best for our children. This term, the strength of our governance structure and the dedication of our Trustees and Governors has been even more evident through the support that has been provided in some challenging situations. We are especially grateful to those Governors who have given additional time and support to other academies in the Trust - as well as their own academy - which has really strengthened our resilience.

If you, a family member or a friend are interested in getting involved with the governance of the Trust please email [clerk@kite.academy](mailto:clerk@kite.academy) or see our website:

<https://www.thekiteacademytrust.org/about-us/governance-recruitment/>



# Term Dates

## Kite Academy Trust Term Dates and Holidays 2022-2023

**Spring Term** - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Half Term - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023)

**Summer Term** - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

(Half Term- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023)

## Kite Academy Trust Term Dates and Holidays 2023-2024

**Autumn Term** - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**INSET DAY—Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

(Half Term - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023)

**Spring Term** - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Half Term - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024)

**Summer Term** - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

(Half Term- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024)

Please check with your academy for additional  
local INSET days

It was lovely to see so many families and friends at all of our academies' Christmas performances. We have had plays, nativities, rock concerts, carols by the Christmas tree - to name but a few! Thank you to everyone who supported these events and helped to make them such memorable performances, full of Christmas spirit!

The magic of Christmas has continued with non-stop festivities for the children.... They have enjoyed Christmas jumper day, fairs, crafts, chocolate making, lunches, parties, pantomimes... Children have also thought about helping others through the ever-popular sponsored Elf and Reindeer runs for charity as well as fundraising to buy chickens for families in Malawi. Children have thought about what it means to celebrate Christmas and have enjoyed making gifts whilst learning that you don't need to spend lot of money to let others know you are thinking of them.

As with all of the fabulous activities and experiences that the children enjoy throughout the year, we couldn't do it without the dedication, enthusiasm and hard work of all our staff - so a very big thank you to them!



All that remains is to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy & healthy 2023!