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The Kite Academy Trust Flying high together

Dear All,

As we come to the (very hot!) end of term, I would like to thank the whole Kite community for all they have done this year. Once again, we had hoped that COVID-19 would no longer be with us, however we are now just having to learn to live with it. It has continued to have an effect on staff absences and I would like to thank our staff for stepping in to cover the absences in all of our academies. I know that our academies are also extremely grateful for all the support that is received from parents in a variety of ways. Similarly, I would also like to thank our Trustees and Governors who volunteer their time to support the Trust and our children's learning journeys.

On behalf of the Kite community, I would like to thank Cheryl Dancer and Nicky Slater, who will be leaving us at the end of term, for their contribution to both their academies and the Trust as a whole. We wish them all the very best for the future. James Titley-Rawson will be moving from Cross Farm to Holly Lodge, and Ali Stone will be taking on a new role as Academy Head over both Cross Farm and Folly Hill, supported by Gina Hylton (currently at Sandringham). Amy Batalli is leaving her role as Inclusion Leader at The Grove and has gained promotion to become the Academy Head - with Lloyd Mason Edwards - at The Ferns. We wish you all the best with your new ventures!

It has been lovely that our children have been able to enjoy an enriched curriculum again this term - this newsletter celebrates some of the activities that have, once again, been open to them.

Best Wishes,

Christine Dickinson CEO



Learning Together

On Monday, May 23rd, choirs from all of our Kite primary academies travelled to The O2 to take part in Young Voices 2022 - the largest children's choir concerts in the world! We were pleased that our family of children were all able to sit and sing together.

Children from The Ferns, The Grove, Hale, Holly Lodge, Lakeside, Mytchett and Wyke joined 181 other schools – and more than 6000 children – to sing a catalogue of songs that they had been working on all year. The atmosphere was amazing and the children made us incredibly proud. We can't wait for next year!!





Getting Physical!

This year, it has been wonderful to be able to hold sporting events once again and our children have taken part in a whole host of activities!



At The Ferns, children have started using the beautifully refurbished pool for swimming lessons, taught by Fins Swimming Club. Next year, children from across the Trust will be able to use the swimming pool for their lessons.



District Sports



The highlight of our summer calendar is the Kite Champions Day when representatives of all of our academies come together to take part in a carousel of sporting activities. The competition is always strong - well done to all those who took part and displayed our values of Aspiration, Integrity and Respect. Congratulations to Sandringham (KS1 winners) and Holly Lodge (KS2 winners)!

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Enjoying the summer!

The summer term brings opportunities for lovely celebration and community events - and just getting outside to enjoy the sunshine!



Getting out and about!

We have been delighted that our children have been able to get out and about on a wide range of educational visits this term. They have had a brilliant time!



Award Winners

Thanks to the hard work of the children of Carnival Club, Miss Wall and Mr Irvine, Hale won first prize in the Hale Carnival! The theme was the Queen's Coronation in 1953.





Sandringham won the 'Most Imaginative Float' category at the Frimley Green Carnival with their Rio themed procession!



Holly Lodge Eco Warriors won the Innovation Award, the Community Engagement Award and the overall Final Report Award at the SATRO awards for the Surrey schools' project to save energy and reduce our carbon footprint. The new cycle and scooter rack at Holly Lodge was designed and planned by the Eco Warriors to encourage more sustainable ways to get to school.

Mytchett Eco Warriors came second in the SATRO Energy Saving competition for the total carbon saved, reducing their energy use by 27%. They were also awarded the Best Interim Report and Best Energy Saving.



SATRO is an educational charity working across the South East of England with the aim of educating young people in science, technology, business practice and associated skills.



Trustees & Governors

We are very fortunate in our Trust to be supported by a fantastic, committed team of Trustees and Governors who volunteer their time to ensure we are providing the very best opportunities for our children.

At Cross Farm and Mytchett, we are especially grateful to two Chairs of Governors who, having supported their academies since the inception of the Trust and before, are leaving at the end of this term. We'd like to offer our sincere thanks and best wishes to Jen Knight (Cross Farm) and Trevor Lawson (Mytchett) who have been dedicated in their support of their academies and the development of the Trust.

Thank you to all our Trustees and Governors for your continued support this year

Our Staff

Our staff are our greatest asset and this has been particularly demonstrated over the past two years by their wonderful enthusiasm, dedication and collaboration in truly challenging times. As we look forward to a new year, we would like to whole-heartedly thank all our staff for their hard work and commitment to ensuring our children are always at the heart of all we do.

For those staff who are leaving us, we wish you all the very best for the future!



Summer Reading Challenge



Presented by The Reading Agency. Delivered in partnership with libraries.

- Go to your library this summer to join the Challenge IT'S FREE!
- Sign up to receive your special Gadgeteers collector poster
- Choose books to read over the holidays
- Collect stickers for each book you read
- Add the stickers to your poster to complete the
 - Challenge and become a Gadgeteer!

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Summer Holiday Clubs

Holiday Activity Clubs are being held at some of our academies over the Summer holidays which children from all of our academies are welcome to attend. If you are interested, please book directly with the providers as below:

The Ferns:
Holly Lodge:
Sandringham:

Casa Club SCL

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TS Coaching & Ian Jones Lakeside: <u>Casa Club</u> The Grove: <u>The Club</u> Hale: <u>SCL</u>

Term Dates

Kite Academy Trust Term Dates and Holidays 2022-2023

Autumn Term – Thursday 1st September - Friday 16th December 2022

NB - Thursday 1st September is a Kite Day and Friday 2nd September is an INSET Day therefore academies will not be open on these days.

(Half Term - Monday 24th - Friday 28th October 2022)

Spring Term - Tuesday 3rd January - Friday 31st March 2023

Half Term - Monday 13th - Friday 17th February 2023)

Summer Term - Monday 17th April - Friday 21st July 2023

(Half Term- Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023)

Please check with your academy for additional INSET days

We hope you have a wonderful summer - see you next year!!

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