



Welcome to the first edition of the HEARTS Academy Trust newsletter. The first term of the academic year has been full of highlights and successes and the purpose of this termly newsletter is to capture and share these.

First of all a welcome from the Trust Directors.....

What a whirlwind 2015 has been with 2 new schools being added to the Trust and some significant progress at all our schools. We are a relatively new group of Directors but we want to recognise the super staff members we have across our four schools. We have some excellent leaders in all four schools now with strong depth below the Heads of each School. Wickford C of E is at the heart of the Trust and is an outstanding example of where we all strive to be. Mrs Johnson and her great staff have just achieved the Inclusion Quality Award and their faith and values are an inspiration to all of us. Mrs Barnett and her team at Briscoe have really made some great progress in 2015 and we are confident they are a solidly Good school now. Mr Faris has made an excellent start at Stambridge and his staff are working wonders with the children, who deserve a solid start to their education journey. Mrs Welch already had a strong team at Waterman and she continues to make it even stronger as she develops this great school. We are keen to see even more cross school synergies in 2016 and want to recognise our Early Years and KS1 expertise particularly. We want to thank everyone in the Hearts Trust for their contributions in 2015 and hope to make this a place of employment that is the envy of all other schools in Essex. The Directors wish all our staff a fun packed Xmas with their families and friends and a very healthy 2016.

Wickford Church of England School

- Successful sleepover carried out for 41/45 Year 2 children! Loved by all attended.
- The 'fullness of life' focus is being embraced, building relationships and experiencing life in all its glory.
- Successful gaining of the renewed Inclusion Quality Mark award.
- Paddington House nurture group have been leading the outreach work – gathering a cluster group of 20 schools from across Essex. They have also been planning a presentation to be delivered to Wickford NQTs and professionals across the County.
- The relatively new staff are working very hard, have come together as a brilliant team and we are very proud of them! A great School review outcome.



Waterman School



A big well done to our anti-bullying ambassadors. During assembly, they shared the different types of bullying and how it makes people feel.

We are very proud to have achieved 2 bronze sports Awards again this year!



Briscoe Primary and Nursery School



We have our Year 5 children (Oak Class) during their weekly violin and cello lesson

Sid the dog with two of his best friends - chilling in the office at lunchtime.



The Orchard pre-school children photographed with the monster from the theatrical production of Not Now Bernard.



Our Big Harvest Breakfast! Over 180 parents and children attended. Our harvest collection raised funds for Parklands, which is a local women's refuge.

Stambridge Primary School

- The sleepover was a great success and the parents lunch was very popular
- External reviewer said the school gives her "Goosebumps" and we are doing a "sterling job so far".
- Latin sessions been a hit with lots of parents and one Nan (who volunteers here) has asked to borrow a book to teach herself!



Parents in school for drumming assembly



The Viking day at Waterman was Fab and KS2 loved it!



Big breakfast was an amazing success!

- In the week commencing 9th November 2015, 100% attendance was a massive success achievement, first time in the history of the school!
- Having all the staff talking about hearts values in everyday conversations with pupils. Meaning Jamie in year 5 said to a friend "I like your picture, it is nice, I hope that increases your self-esteem" and Raf turned to a misbehaving year 4 child this week and said " you really should show more respect to the teachers, its one of our values"

