

Local Academy Committee Newsletter Autumn 2023

The local Academy Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the school community.

We would like to congratulate everyone for maintaining an excellent rate of attendance. We discuss attendance at each meeting and it is pleasing to report that the rate for Severnbanks is above the national rate. We support the school in promoting attendance as a high priority as it is essential in order for children to achieve their full potential.

We would like to thank the Friends of Severnbanks in supporting the school. They do a fantastic job promoting the school in the community and organising events for the children and their parents. The recent Halloween event was very successful as was the Christmas fayre. Thank you and please continue to support the Friends!

The recent remembrance parade saw Severnbanks well represented, alongside other local schools, in the ceremony. Some children also took part in the Christmas parade and joined with Lydney C of E to sing at the Town Hall. It is pleasing to see how the younger generation are playing a part in these community events. This time of year is very busy with the younger children preparing for their Nativity and everyone joining for the carol service at St Mary's Church.

The Local Academy Governors have a responsibility for delegated matters concerning Severnbanks school; including the upholding the ethos and vision of the school, promoting ties with the outside community, monitoring the impact of the curriculum and ensuring the wellbeing of pupils and staff. The Local Academy Committee meet at least once a term.

Severn Federation Academy Trust

Severnbanks is part of the Severn Federation Academy Trust (SFAT) and further details can be found on the school website. Being part of a network of schools enables the sharing of experience and expertise across the Trust. The Trust has some policies which apply to all the



schools, while each individual school also has their own policies. These policies are published on the website which you are encouraged to read.

Trust Vision

Our vision is to be creative schools learning together in inclusive, inspiring and nurturing Christian communities where all children and adults are loved and achieve their best.

Trust Ethos

At the Severn Federation Academy Trust, everyone works together to put children at the heart of all that we do:

- We are a family of schools, committed to our partnership, yet retaining our separate identities and individuality.
- We collaborate, seeking out the best practice from within our Trust and from the wider educational world to provide robust challenge and support.
- We value each individual and believe that through working together, we can achieve the best possible outcomes.
- We believe that every school, staff member and child contribute to the success of our Trust.
- We make no excuse for having high expectations - our children deserve the best!
- We build learning experiences for all children which relentlessly and intentionally celebrate equity, diversity, belonging, inclusion and justice.
- We enable children to flourish and to live life in all its fullness.

The Severn Federation Academy Trust is delighted that Newnham St Peter's Church of England Primary School became part of our family of schools in October 2023. Newnham join Lydney C of E, Aylburton C of E, Severnbanks, English Bicknor C of E and Bream C of E primary schools as part of our collaborative team. We are a mixed multi academy trust with Majority Church Articles providing a strong home for both church and community schools.

Our newly refurbished Trust Office, on the Lydney C of E site, provides working space for our Central Team staff and a meeting base for all schools within the Trust.

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We are thrilled to welcome some new members to our Board of Trustees. This enhances our leadership skill set and experience as we make decisions for children and schools within our Trust. Details of all Trustees and Governors can be found on the SFAT website. We are always looking for parents and carers to volunteer as part of our Local Governance of individual schools - if you are keen to get involved please contact your Headteacher for more information.

Thank you to all of our Governors who volunteer to support our wonderful school staff in making our schools amazing places to work and learn.

The trust would welcome enquiries from anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Local Academy Board.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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