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Introduction

Another week, another Ofsted Inspection! Duncan had the call at Grove Juniors last week. I will adopt our time-honoured code and say that we are confident that the inspector understood the context of the school well. Well done again to colleagues at Northleaze, Chew Valley, Yatton Juniors and now Grove Juniors, who have hosted inspections in recent weeks. There are still two possible weeks for inspection so let's keep our guards up.

In other excellent news I received confirmation yesterday that the Regional Director has approved the applications from Burrington, Wrington, Churchill Primary and Golden Valley, subject to the outcomes from the community consultations. I am equally delighted to be able to say out loud that Churchill Academy and Sixth Form has applied for conditional consent to join the Trust. Together this means that we will be able to deliver the measured growth that we had planned, work with some excellent new schools and also set up the Churchill Hub that had featured in our original growth plans. We are therefore in for a busy Autumn. At a time when many MATs are merging, disappearing or significantly changing, it is good to know that our growth underscores our character as a stable, sustainable and self-governing Trust - just as we want schools to retain their individuality, we want to maintain the things that make us special as a Trust.

Lastly, I really enjoyed attending Backwell School's Art Show last week. The standard and depth of the work was as remarkable and humbling as ever. I can't attend every event, but do let me know if you would like to have the LSP flag waved at any end of term cultural events. And to be clear, I have now retired from staff relays on sports days.

As ever,

Gary

Resourcing our Partnership

Thank you to all of you that were able to attend our recent 'Resourcing our Partnership' events. It has been really helpful to receive your initial thoughts and ideas. A copy of the <u>slides and documentation</u> for the event are available and we would encourage you to continue to discuss this within your leadership teams and LGBs. Please feel free to continue to send us your views.

We are planning to devise some options over the summer and are to hold two further events in the Autumn to gather your feedback ahead of formal consultation. The events are scheduled for 1st November 10:00am and 7th November 4:00pm. Please feel free to pencil one of these dates in your diary but further information and booking arrangements will be issued in September.

Thank you for your continued engagement.

Carbon Reduction Launch Event 7th July 16.00 to 17.30pm Backwell School 6th Form

A gentle reminder that our Carbon Reduction Launch Event is taking place on Thursday 16.00 at Backwell School. The event is designed to share our ambitions and to discuss how we can start working collaboratively towards our carbon reduction goals. It will also be the launch for our new electric car scheme. We will have some electric cars available to view and Tusker (who are managing the scheme) will be in attendance to answer your questions.

We are hoping that the meeting will be attended by the Headteacher (or a member of the senior leadership team), a Governor and the School Business Manager, where in post, for every school. If you haven't already done so, please could we ask you to confirm your attendees with Diane <u>dlogan@lsp.org.uk</u>

Cyber Security Training Reminder

In March this year, you may remember that a bulletin message appeared advising the RPA is going to be including Cyber related cover from the start of the 2022/23 membership year, providing that the conditions in their <u>summary of the cover</u> are met.

This is therefore a reminder to any school to arrange cyber security training for anyone who has not yet done it.

It is a requirement for all Employees and Governors who have access to the Member IT system (this includes anyone that has a school email address) to have completed the <u>National Cyber</u> <u>Security Centre (NCSC) training for school staff</u> by <u>no later than the September inset days</u>.

The NCSC training is free of charge and designed to raise awareness and help school staff manage some of the key cyber threats facing schools. The training is available in two formats:

A scripted presentation pack

For group delivery (found below in the 'Downloads' section of the link above). The presentation pack can be used by schools and the education sector to help teach school staff at physical or virtual group sessions - like INSET days, staff or governors' meetings.

A self-learn video

A self-learn video is available for staff or governors to complete by themselves is on YouTube. The self-learn video includes the same content as the presentation pack, but can be undertaken at any convenient time. The video takes 36 minutes to complete.

At the end of the training a website address will be shown so that a training certificate can be printed, completed and kept on file so that schools can demonstrate their cyber security awareness training in the event of a claim being made.

Please contact the Central Team if you have any questions.

LSP Planner

Click <u>here</u> to view the LSP Planner summary with key items for the start of September. A weekly summary of changes to the Planner will be sent to Headteachers, Governors, Chairs, Clerks and LSP Central Team from Fiz via SharePoint, each Friday at 2pm.

Glen cleaning - Holiday and periodic cleaning hours

Schools in the Glen cleaning contract are reminded to ensure their prorated holiday and periodic cleaning hours are booked with Glen and delivered prior to the 31 July. Any unused hours cannot be reimbursed. Please speak to Beth Watts if you need any assistance in booking these hours.

Internal Vacancies

School Business Manager - Churchill CEVC Primary School

21 hours per week term time + inset (21 hours) + 2 additional weeks in August (42 hours) on a permanent contract. Starting September 2022. Actual Salary: £16,564 to £17,847 per annum (Full Time Equivalent £32,798 to £35,336 per annum). Click <u>here</u> for more info.

Learning Support Assistants - St Mary's CE Primary School

LSA on a temporary contract, 30 hours per week Monday to Friday from 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023. Actual Salary £13,933.20 to £14,211.87 per annum (Full Time Equivalent £19,650 - £20,043 per annum. Click <u>here</u> for more info.

LSA on a temporary contract, 5 hours per week Monday-Friday to cover 1 hour per day over the lunchbreak period from 1st September to 31st August 2023. Actual salary £2,322.20 to £2,368.64 per annum (Full Time Equivalent £19650 - £20,043 per annum). Click <u>here</u> for more info.

Clerk to Governors

The Trust has the following vacancies:

- Blagdon Primary School min. 139hrs pa. for 6 LGBs & 2 Committees (£1,626.30pa)
- Churchill CofE Primary School min. 125hrs pa. for 6 LGBs (£1,462.50pa)
- Yatton CofE Junior School min. 179.5hrs pa. for 7 LGBs & 6 Committees (£2,094.30pa)
- St Peter's CofE Primary School min. 230hrs pa. for 6 LGBs, 15 Committees (£2,672pa)

Click <u>here</u> for more info.

School Funding

PE and Sport Premium

The DfE has just announced the continuation of PE & sport premium for Primary Schools for 2022-23 to give more children access to PE lessons and sporting opportunities as per our budget guidance. Please be aware that you must spend any underspend of 2020-21 PE and sports premium as well as your 2021-22 allocation by 31st July 2022 and also publish details of how you have spent it by the end of the term 6 or 31st July 2022 at the latest. Details of how the funding can be used and online reporting can be found PE and sport premium for primary schools - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Music education

The government has announced it is investing £25 million for schools to purchase musical instruments and equipment. This will include adapted instruments for SEND pupils. This is part of the launch of a new National Plan for Music Education which sets out the ambition for every pupil to have at least one hour a week of high-quality music education in key stages 1-3. Schools will also be asked to have a designated music lead or head of department and guidance for teachers and young people guidance on how to progress a career in music will be provided.

Further initiatives in the National Plan for Music Education include a pilot to improve music progression in disadvantaged areas and the roll-out of an inclusion strategy in every music hub area so that all pupils can benefit from music education.

We will keep schools updated as the detail of the plans develop and more information becomes available.

Audit Workbook Workshops

The Central Finance Team are hosting workshops to support the completion of the 21/22 Audit Workbooks. You should all have received an invite to at least one of the two compulsory Introduction to the Audit Workbook Workshops for either tomorrow, 6th July 10 am or 7th July 2pm. These 45 minute sessions have been requested by the auditors Bishop Fleming to ensure School Business Managers have a better understanding of the workbook and the changes.

In addition, we have further drop in-sessions as follows:

Wednesday 13th July 2022 10 am - 10.30 am Thursday 14th July 2022 2 pm - 2.30pm Tuesday 19th July 2022 2 pm - 2.30 pm Tuesday 9th September 2022 - 10.30am - 11am

If you have not received an invite or would like to attend one of the sessions please contact <u>tcorp@lsp.org.uk</u>

Thank you.

LSP Governor Training & Events - Now available as self-serve on the LSP Governance Portal LSP Governance - Home (sharepoint.com)

Meet the Chew Valley Governors - 'Sharing our Ofsted Experience' Wednesday 6th July @ 18.00 - Join us using this link <u>Click here to meet with Chew Governors</u>

LGB Membership Updates - We have developed an online form to make this process easier <u>LGB</u> <u>Membership Changes</u>. Please let us know about any changes in your LGBs, including recommendations for co-opted Governor approval by Board and any changes regarding Chairing arrangements.

