

News Bulletin



LIGHTHOUSE
SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

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LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

This is the last edition of the bulletin for this academic year and is notably shorter than usual. One reason for that is the 'Ready for September' version that Eleanor and Leah sent out to you last week; I know that has been very well received - it is always good to have a checklist!

The other reason is that we have entered that moment in the term when one thing follows another without a pause and we are conscious that you will all be running between jobs. There are some real positives amongst all that and I think that a lot of our character and values are bound up in the sports days and arts events that really flavour the end of term with such a massive feelgood vibe. We have sought to capture that energy in the latest edition of The Beacon. I hope that you enjoyed it, if you have already had a look through, and if not please do give it some time. The enriched offer of our Trust is truly outstanding; please celebrate this with your colleagues.

Next week sees the retirement of Dieter Cook as Headteacher of Bishop Sutton and Stanton Drew. I have known Dieter since joining Chew Valley as a callow Deputy Head in 2004. His humour and unflappable nature have always meant that it has been a pleasure to work with him. Ofsted visited Bishop Sutton a fortnight ago and although the report won't be published until next term, it makes a really good summary statement of the contribution that Dieter has made as a school leader. He has done a wonderful job.

I'll be emailing Heads again next week but can I take this opportunity to thank our Governors, Business Managers and other leaders for their work this year. It has been challenging at times but we have done really well and our reputation and effectiveness increase year by year - well done for your part in that.

Have a great summer,

*Gary Lewis,
Chief Executive*



Risk Management Policy

Thank you to those that responded to the consultation on the Risk Management Policy. Feedback on individual responses will be provided in due course. The [final policy](#) and the [updated risk register template](#) has now been approved by the Board of Trustees and is available for use. The Policy and Updated Risk Register Template can be [found on Foldr](#):

LSP Policies / Operational Policies

Although the new policy is now in place, we intend to produce a risk appetite statement that will be added as an appendix to the policy in due course.

“Risk Appetite” is an expression of how much risk an organisation is prepared to take. We hope that articulating the Trust’s risk appetite will help when assessing risks and taking decisions.

Please note that there is now an updated risk register template that should be used by schools. Schools are asked to review their risk registers at least three times a year and we would be grateful if you could move to the next template at your next risk register review. If you have any questions please contact the [Trust Services Team](#).

The Beacon - LSP Newsletter

Staff should have received the [latest edition of the Beacon](#) this morning (this was emailed to them directly).

Clerks please can you forward this onto your LGB so they can also have a copy.

We have also created a parents/carers’ version of The Beacon looking back over this academic year and celebrating successes from across the Trust. **Headteachers will be emailed the direct link to this Parents Edition of The Beacon - please can you ensure you include this on your end of term communications to parents.**

Thank you to all those who have submitted articles for the Beacon this year - we really hope to continue to have information, impactful stories to from you all next academic year.

*Leah Evans,
Communications Officer*



THE BEACON

LSP NEWSLETTER

LSP Art Competition

We have launched a trust-wide art competition as we are hoping to receive some lovely art work to display - please see details on our poster below or [download here](#):

This has been launched to coincide with the summer holidays in case parents/carers are looking for a rainy day activity to entertain their children! We would be very grateful if you could safely store any entries you may receive (they should be handed into your reception/the school office) and bring them along to the School Leaders' Meeting in October. We will remind schools about this in September in the hope you will be able to draw up some final entries before the deadline.



The poster features a watercolor background in shades of blue, purple, and pink. At the top center is the Lighthouse Schools Partnership logo, which includes a lighthouse icon and the text 'LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP'. Below the logo, the words 'ART Competition' are written in a large, stylized font. The main text is contained within a white rounded rectangle. At the bottom of the poster, there are illustrations of art supplies: a cup of colored pencils, a watercolor palette, a paintbrush, and a box of crayons.

What are we looking for?

A sketch, painting, drawing or photograph of:

A lighthouse
OR
Your favourite view of the area where you live

There will be prizes for:

- 1st Prize Primary Pupil
- 2nd Prize Primary Pupil
- 1st prize Secondary Pupil
- 2nd Prize Secondary Pupil

How to submit your art work:

Please hand your entry into your School's reception/office by
Monday 30 September.

You must ensure you name, school name, age and year group is on the
back of your entry. All entries must be your own work.
Prizes will be announced by end of October!

2024-25 Three-Year Budget

Thank you to School Business Managers, and any other staff involved, for all your hard work in producing your 2024-25 three-year budgets.

The Central Team have reviewed your budget plans, and the collated information will be reported to the Board of Trustees this evening (Wednesday 17 July). The feedback from our quality assurance checks can be found on Foldr (*Information for 2024-25 budgets/Approved Budget Check Feedback/Budget Checks 2024-25*). Please enter your LA and DfE number to find the information for your school. Please be aware that although we are thorough and carry out checks for reasonableness, we do not have sufficient information to determine whether your budget plans are completely accurate or not.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Central Team.



KEY LINKS

These reminders do not replace the Annual Planner so please ensure you are checking this regularly.

Please note the following links will only work for those who already have access to the relevant site or folder. If you feel you need to be given permission to access something please [let us know](#).



Annual Planner 2023/24

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Annual Planner 2024/25

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