

Wednesday 6th December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of term and the numerous nativity concerts I thought I would update you on the progress being made in all of our schools. I have made several visits to each academy and have been impressed with the attitude of the children towards their work. They are working very hard and making strong progress from their many different starting points. The behaviour of your children across the schools is very positive and the staff are supporting those children with specific needs superbly. I have spent a considerable amount of time analysing the work in children's workbooks and have been hugely impressed with the high expectations on view. This is especially evident in the sponsored academies where children may not have experienced this high expectation before. They are now writing really well across the whole curriculum which is developing the key skills required before they move to secondary schools. Teachers across the trust do not settle for second best. They continue to strive for the children to reach their potential and keep the high expectation for every lesson. For some this is a new experience but we do not apologise for ensuring that the children work hard in school!

The building work that has taken place across three of our academies is nearly complete and we can already see the impact. Classrooms have become better learning environments as a result of improved lighting, décor and new ceilings. Each of these schools now has a roof that does not leak and saves more energy. We have submitted further bids for capital programmes of building work this year too and hope for a positive outcome across the trust. This is just one of the benefits of being an academy. These building projects would not have been possible had these schools not been academies.

I look forward to seeing as many nativities as possible over the next few weeks and visiting the schools over the next few months.

Have a superb Christmas and thank you for your continued support



Mr Joseph Figg
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