

Wednesday 18th July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

This year has once again been a success for The Eveleigh LINK Academy Trust. As a result of our collaborative approach across our five schools we have seen stronger teaching, stronger governance and as a result higher standards. This year 67% of our Year 6 children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics compared to 64% nationally with 15% at the higher than expected standard compared to 9% nationally. We are also extremely proud of our Year 2 children's results. 66% attained the expected standard in all three subjects compared to 65% nationally. Our reception children and our Year 1 children also attained over the national standard once again at the end of the early years foundation stage and for the phonic screening check respectively. These results show a year-on-year improvement across the trust.

The quality of teaching throughout the trust this year has also been high and will be even higher in September 2018 onwards as a result of fantastic appointments. Where practice has needed to improve we have implemented steps to ensure that where this has been the case, teaching has improved. As a result of collaborative working our teachers are now more aware of the standards expected within each school, have a far greater awareness of their areas of responsibilities and are delivering lessons every day to a high level.

School finances continue to be a struggle and thanks to the government's unfair funding formula we have far less money in 2018 – 2019 than in previous years. We are finding this a real issue in all of our schools. We have set high expectations and now have less money to deliver our ambitious plans to further improve outcomes for children. However, by working together, within a strong multi-academy trust, we are able to make savings and will continue to do so as we move into the future.

In the recent round of funding, we were successful in securing funding for capital building projects at Maylandsea Primary, Larkrise Primary and Purleigh Primary. Maylandsea is having an electrical re-wire and improvements to lighting and is also having the front office area re-designed to improve the layout and practicality of this area. Purleigh has had its flat roofing replaced and will be having new water pipes throughout the school to improve the water pressures. Larkrise will be having its windows replaced later this year which will not only significantly improve the look of the building but will improve the efficiency of the building.



This year we have had Ofsted inspections at Maltese Road Primary and Maylandsea Primary. The report from Maylandsea Primary has yet to be made public as the inspection was only two weeks ago. However, we were pleased with the outcome. Maltese Road's first inspection was a huge success and I would like to say thank you and well done to them. During the autumn term we will be sharing the outcome from the Maylandsea inspection. I wish I could now but we will have to wait.

It is also worth noting that Maltese Road Primary had its first Year 6 SAT results this year and attained higher than national average. Meadgate Primary attained higher the national average once again. Larkrise Primary attained at the national average once again when two years ago they were significantly under the national averages and Purleigh Primary increased its percentage of children reaching the expected standard to 83% compared to the national average of 64%. Well done to every child who sat these tests, every parent for supporting them and every member of my staff for teaching and supporting the children every day.

2018 – 2019 promises to be another exciting year and I look forward to leading the trust into the next twelve months.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great summer holiday.



Mr Joseph Figg
CEO