



The new school year has begun with two new faces being added to CDAT's central team. Maxine Green has joined us as our full-time Finance Manager. She has over 18 years experience in finance, having previously worked in an accountancy practice before moving into the Education sector as a Finance Consultant. She has worked with academy trusts and schools, supporting them in all areas of finance including budgeting, month-end reconciliations, year-end and general system queries. The second new member of the team is H el ena Parker-Clark, our new Operations Manager. H el ena is an International Business Management graduate who has already had considerable experience working across education, marketing, project management and business development at home and abroad. She will be bringing her expertise to support CDAT's central team in developing and refining systems covering areas such as compliance, risk management and health and safety.

H el ena is pictured above (left) alongside Alex Harris (CDAT Administrator), Sue Riley (CDAT Education Effectiveness Officer) and Neil Dixon (Chief Executive).

There is also a new face leading one of our schools, as Charles Daniels has taken over the headship at St Matthew's in Stockport on an interim basis following the retirement of headteacher Jackie Band. Everyone involved with CDAT wishes Jackie well in her retirement – she will be greatly missed.

There are, of course, lots of other new faces in all of our schools – new members of staff and, most importantly, new children coming into our Early Years classes (and also joining in other year groups too). To all of our new staff, pupils and parents – I'd like to wish you a very warm welcome to the CDAT family.

**Neil Dixon (Chief Executive)**

# FOCUS

# ON BRERETTON



Our Year 4 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip to York. Over the three days, they visited the Jorvik Viking Centre, the Yorkshire Museum and York Minster. Highlights included meeting an (almost) real Viking at Jorvik and a really moving Evensong service in York Minster.



Our choir delivered a beautiful performance at St Luke's music festival in Holmes Chapel.

Year 2 celebrated the end of their SATs tests with a topic day. All of the children looked fantastic dressed as pirates and they thoroughly enjoyed learning about famous pirates, as well as completing a pirate raft challenge. In the afternoon, parents and grandparents joined the children to make pirate ships.



Year 5 had a fabulous 'Stay and Bake' afternoon completing a number of challenges with their parents and grandparents. Firstly, they had to follow a simplified recipe to make a swiss roll. Next, they had to design a logo, using fruit and vegetables, to encourage healthy eating. Finally, they had to design a menu for a dinner party of heroes.

# CDAT Schools Out and About



It wasn't just Brereton's children who enjoyed some fantastic school trips in the summer term – look at the great time pupils from lots of our other schools had too!

Sheer joy! The early years children from **St Paul's** visited Reddish Vale Farm and as you can see thoroughly immersed themselves in the experience.



Year 6 at **Astbury St Mary's** had a brilliant time at Astbury Mere Water Sports Centre. Children had to design and build a raft, climb aboard and paddle to the middle of the lake – and then jump off and swim back to the shore!



Year 5 pupils at **Wybunbury Delves** visited Wybunbury Moss to undertake some science and geography fieldwork – it's great learning outside of the classroom.



**Christ Church Moreton's** pupils enjoyed the Liverpool International Tennis Tournament and then 'visited' lots of other countries as part of their Diversity Week.





As a trust, we have clear vision for our work rooted in Jesus' words: 'I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). As a Trust, our aim is to ensure that all of our pupils are able to benefit from and enjoy 'life in all its fullness' by:

- Valuing the uniqueness of every child
- Aspiring to excellence
- Being a nurturing learning community for all

We are delighted to have been able to organise a shared Service of Commissioning, to be held in Chester Cathedral on 6<sup>th</sup> January. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the staff and members of the local governing bodies from all of our schools to meet together to celebrate and reflect upon the shared Christian ethos and values that underpin the work that CDAT does.

## The CDAT Family of Schools

Moreton Christchurch

St Paul's, Stalybridge

St Matthew's, Edgeley

Brereton

Astbury St Mary's

Wybunbury Delves