Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Central England Academy Trust

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

It has been a wonderful first term across the schools in our Trust, and I have had the pleasure of spending lots of time with pupils at various Christmas events over the past couple of weeks:

I attended a Carol Service at St Nicolas Church in Nuneaton on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, led beautifully by students from Higham Lane School.





I watched **Oak Wood Primary School's** wonderful Christmas performance of Stick Man on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

I supported **Oak Wood Secondary School's** Christmas Fayre on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, led brilliantly by students from the school. They raised over £1,000!





I also attended **Oak Wood Secondary School's** lovely Carol Service today at Holy Trinity Church in Attleborough.



## Meet the Trust Coffee Mornings

A few weeks ago, our Trust ran coffee mornings at each of our schools – thank you to the parents and carers who attended. We had some really insightful and useful conversations.





We will run these again next term, and will hopefully have the opportunity to meet and speak with some more parents from across our Trust

## <u>AGM</u>

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM). We reflected back on the past year in our Trust, and discussed exciting plans for our Trust and schools for the year ahead.

## **Charity this Christmas**

We are so grateful to the parish at Holy Trinity for their donation of Christmas gifts to 25 families across **Oak Wood Primary School** and **Oak Wood Secondary School**. It is extremely generous, and will make a real difference to so many of our children. Thank you!





Well done and thank you to the students at **Higham Lane School** who donated so much food for the *Nuneaton Food Bank* as well as for *Doorway*. *Doorway* are using donations to create hampers for homeless people in our community, and *Nuneaton Food Bank* have been able to restock key supplies for families in need over the coming weeks.

## Higham Lane North Academy

In January, Kirstie Robinson officially leaves her role as Deputy Headteacher at Higham Lane School to take up post as Headteacher at **Higham Lane North Academy**. This is an exciting and key time for the new school, where building works remain ahead of schedule and recruitment activities for her new staff team will start in the coming weeks.



Finally, thank you for all your support to our schools over the past 12 months. I would like to wish all of our governors, staff, pupils and their families a happy and safe holiday over the Christmas break. We very much look forward to welcoming you all back in January.

Yours faithfully

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