

Gradually face-to-face events are happening such as Reception classes from the Trust coming together to visit the theatre – The Tiger Who Came to Tea. It is wonderful to see the children connecting.

I wanted to remind you about the free Level 2 qualifications that are on offer via school. We are working with the AIM Group who are providing government funded Level 2 courses which you can complete online and in your own time and at home. They are between 15-30 hours. If you are interested pop into school and ask them about the Aim Group qualifications. We have a number of parents who are completing courses with a view to take on Learning Support Assistant jobs and we are able to provide placements. We have nearly 100 parents joining in!

New COVID rules come into action after Easter and your child's school will write to you with any changes. I wanted to thank you for your patience throughout the pandemic. We have had to keep you at arm's length, and it has been so strange not to have parents in school on a regular basis. However, as cases are dropping, we are starting to increase the opportunities for parents to come in and connect through Easter Services, community lunches, PTA events, etc. These will increase over the summer, and we cannot wait to see you all again.

Finally, on behalf of all of the staff in our School Trust, I wanted to thank you for the kindness, support and care that you have shown in these past two years. Every kind word or quick email has meant the world to our staff – thank you. As we now move into the next phase of living alongside the virus in schools, I thank you for your continued support and patience as we navigate this new normal while balancing the safety of your child and our communities.

Have a wonderful Easter Break.

## **April 2022 Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to the April Trust Lead Newsletter. I would like to begin by welcoming the parents and families of Lifton Community Academy who joined our School Trust family on 1st April. We are so excited to welcome you and we will continue to work together, as a single School Trust, to ensure that we constantly refine and improve the educational offer that your child receives.

I wanted to share the work we have completed on our mission, vision, and values. This sits alongside the values for each school and provides the 'why' to how we operate ensuring that everything we do is because we put children first. Our mission is to ensure that all children have the opportunity to live life to the full – Flourishing Futures! We strive to ensure that all barriers are raised and the possible is realised through our education offer to your child.

By working together as a School Trust, a charity, we can increase the expertise that we provide to your child and ensure that, through working together, we provide excellent teachers, well-resourced curriculums and financial efficiencies which enable funding to be directed where it is needed – the children.

We work as a collective and this is something which is very important to our children. Due to the pandemic our children have only been connecting virtually. A great example of this was Red Nose Day when the children came together and raised £1680.73 – that is amazing! What an achievement.



