



# Children First Learning Partnership

## Spring Update 2023



On 1st April 2023 the Children First Learning Partnership will be 4 years old. As you can see from just one terms achievements celebrated in this newsletter, the Trust as a whole and our schools individually have gone from strength to strength remaining stable through a worldwide pandemic and financial crisis. Investments in staff development, buildings and resources have significantly increased too. Long many this continue!

### INSPIRE EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

#### School Meal Support

The CFLP takes very seriously the impact of the current financial crisis on our families and after a massive school lunch price increase of 33p per meal they have stepped in to pay some of this increase. After Easter parents will pay 15p per meal more per day with the Trust paying the other 18p per meal for the summer term.



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#### Kingsfield First School Headteacher Appointment

After a rigorous recruitment process we are delighted to inform you that we have appointed a new Headteacher at Kingsfield First School. Congratulations to Mrs Carolyn Hodson (previously Egerton) she will commence her post in September 2023 but has already begun to familiarise herself with aspects of the school. Congratulations Mrs Hodson.



Welcome to the CFLP Executive Team.

The membership of Springhead Primary School to our Trust is a little behind schedule due to some delays with building paperwork. The Springhead team are already beginning to join Trust events and we can't wait for them to formally join us soon.



#### Staff Well being

High completion rates of our well being surveys indicated staff across the trust feel well supported, communication is strong and also 100% of staff find their job rewarding.

All of our staff have access to a wide range of employment benefits such as access to Viv up, Physio, counselling services and menopause toolkits. All CFLP staff also have free use of our before and after school club provision to support them and their families.



#### SAVINGS

Our centralised finance team have procured yet further savings for our Trust this term.

We have **saved over £8500** by re negotiating all school photocopier contracts- this is despite doubling the amount of copiers we now use. Thank you to Lucy Siddorn who has overseen this success for the CFLP. We have continued to deepen our curriculum provision with the purchasing of a new 3D PHSE scheme to support the quality and breadth of PHSE lessons and the workload of all staff. By purchasing this altogether as 5 CFLP schools we **saved £2230!**



Thank you to Oxhey First who warmly welcomed a number of our Directors when they visited the school earlier this week. It was great to see the developments taking place, including in the outdoor areas.





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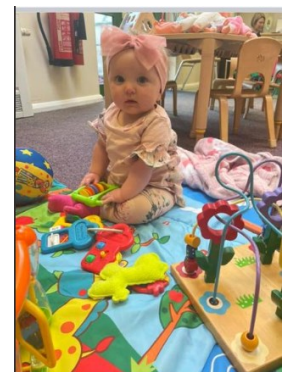


Castlechurch Primary have launched their new community hub this term hosting health visitors, local groups and offering a warm space to community members.

Well done to Team Castlechurch who have transformed their space into a place which is much needed for their school and local community.



| Castlechurch Community Hub |   |  |   |  |
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| Day                        | Morning   |  | Afternoon   |  |
| Room                       | Room 1 (Child focused room)   | Room 2 (Meeting room)  | Room 1 (Child focused room)   | Room 2 (Meeting room)  |
| Monday                     | <b>Quiet Stay &amp; Play</b><br>New mums/baby club in 2 toddler's welcome too if parent has a baby!<br>9.30 - 11am £1 per session                                   | <b>Reading bootcamps</b> SEE HERE for page £2.50 per session<br>Specialist baby and infant feeding support group (9 week feeding support/Formula support/feeding/leep support/ baby massage)<br>Starts Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 9.30am-11am | Cuppa club in cafe area free hot drinks and chat-why not book in the Community Cakes bank/bank library. Figures-help yourself!<br>1.30-3.30pm | Room available to book for meetings or a new group   |
| Tuesday                    | Run by Life Church<br>Mums Stay & Play Toddler group<br>9.30 - 11am £1 per session<br>(Sign up on arrival available with home school)                               | Autism Support group for parents of children with autism come and chat with people that understand!<br>11.00am-12.30pm no charge   | David's Puppetry Club come and have a go at making and moving a puppet!<br>1.30-3.30pm FREE   | Vinnor's Mums wellbeing club in cafe area it's good to talk 1.30 - 3pm charge Mums please don't feel alone. Share your feelings.                             |
| Wednesday                  | <b>Stimming Club</b> coming soon! FREE!<br>Starting date to be confirmed  | Everyone Health<br>Free adult health checks (up to stop smoking, health checks, free referrals to a 12 week smoking club)<br>Starting soon Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April No charge  | Cuppa club Cafe 3-3.25pm free hot drinks and chat<br>We can sign post you to benefits advice and The Life Church (Millers Green)              | Adult Craft Club £1 per session 1.30pm to 3.30pm COME AND HAVE A GO!<br>PCSO drop in come and chat to the local policing team 2-45 - 3.15pm                  |
| Thursday                   | Cuppa club Cafe 9.30-10.30am free hot drinks and a chat!<br>Adult Open Club 10am-10.30am<br>Are you a carer? It's good to chat to others- don't be alone! No charge | Everyone Health<br>Stop smoking clinic 10am-4.30pm ring school if you want a place booked! Drop in and book a place.   | Mums & bubs 12-1pm<br>For expectant mums come and share experiences-meet new friends-health advice! no charge                                 | Health visitor-Wellbeing baby clinic and anything clinic. <b>Sign up in advance!</b><br>1.30-3.45pm<br>Midlands Partnership<br>Appointments only 1.30-3.45pm |
| Friday                     | The Buggy meets-Parent and baby/toddler group<br>9.30-11am £1 per session   | Health visitor-Wellbeing baby clinic appointment only<br>9.30-11.45<br><b>Health visitor-Wellbeing baby clinic- do you need anything!</b><br>10am-12.30pm  | Health visitor-Wellbeing baby clinic and anything clinic. <b>Sign up in advance!</b><br>1.30-3.45pm<br>Midlands Partnership                   | Women's Wellbeing club 1.30-3.30pm<br>It's good to talk- come along to meet new friends or get advice from someone that can help! No charge                  |





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### CFLP Governance Update

Castlechurch Primary have welcomed Mrs Judy Whitney to their Local Advisory Board.

Oxhey First School have said a fond farewell and huge thanks to Mrs Jackie Williams who has been a governor for 7 years.

Thank you Jackie!

### Directors Board

This term we said goodbye to Mrs Sarah Tudor. Sarah's expertise will be greatly missed and we thank her for her support, challenge and input into the formulation and governance developments achieved by the CFLP over the past 4 years.

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### CENTRAL TEAM VACANCY



We are currently seeking to appoint a **full time Chief Operations** Officer to our Trust. This will provide us with greater capacity to grow, develop and support our schools. For further information please visit:

<https://uk.indeed.com/viewjob?from=appsharedroid&jk=659b331334f2e550>

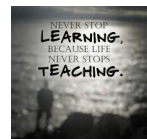
We also have **2 classteacher vacancies** available at Knypersley First and Oxhey First Schools. Please call the school office for further information or visit:

<https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/jobs/education/>

This term the CFLP has offered a range of training activities to our staff and governance team such as: Developing non-core lessons, completing subject deep dives, developing leadership capacity and managing complaints effectively.

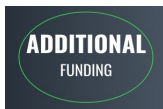
Our phonics and early reading leaders have completed triad 'inspection' visits to each others schools and all maths, english, science, PHSRE, SEN and EYFS leads have received external training to keep themselves abreast of current thinking and developments.

All of our leaders have met to moderate pupils work and assessment judgements and many have written new subject policies. We also spent our recent INSET day with specialist trainers from the Crisis Prevention Institute to develop our behaviour management knowledge and skills – that little bit further. We found the training to be of a high quality and valuable both theoretically and practically.



### Additional Curriculum Development Funding

To ensure all schools have enough funding to invest in their curriculum development and buildings the Trust has also given back to our schools all unspent funds from their last years budget- this totals over £200.000.



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We hope you find this information useful in getting to know how our multi academy trust works with it's schools. If you would like to find out more please visit [www.childrenfirstlp.org.uk](http://www.childrenfirstlp.org.uk). There you will find our previous newsletters as well as information about our schools, policies and governance team. Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to working with you all in the Summer term.

Mrs A Rourke CEO of the Children First Learning Partnership.

