

Wednesday 15th January 2020

Dear Parent,

Welcome back to a new calendar year and a very exciting Spring term for all of our schools.

As you are aware, Ashburton Primary School, Buckfastleigh Primary School, The Atrium Studio School and South Dartmoor Community College (SDCC) are due to transfer to West Country Schools Trust on the 1st February 2020. This is an extremely positive move and will strongly support the next stage of each school's future development.

Hopefully, you will have noticed that the new term dates for 2020/2021 are now on the school's website and we would encourage you to refer to these dates when planning any family holidays. Another date to be mindful of is the additional training day on Friday 14th February 2020. As you are aware, West Country Schools Trust has been working within our schools since November but there is still much to do and the additional training day will be invaluable in supporting our schools at this time.

I am indebted to West Country Schools Trust for their hard work in applying for grants and bids in order to support the development of our primary schools' sites as well as applying for an emergency bid for the SDCC boiler. At the time of writing we are awaiting the outcome of those grant applications but the fact that these bids have been completed ahead of transfer demonstrates West Country Schools Trust's commitment to our pupils and staff alike.

I can assure you that I will remain in post until the transfer and will be available, post-transfer, if there are any queries. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank the parent, staff and governor groups for making me feel so welcome and for the wonderful support that has been afforded to the interim team.

Kind regards,



Mrs Barry
Interim CEO