

## **Welcome!**

We hope that you have had a great start to 2023. CST schools ended last term on a fantastic note with some brilliant performances including nativities, carol services, concerts and St Katherine's production of Grease! I'm sure you will join us in thanking the staff who make these events possible and such a key part of the annual school calendar.

It rather feels like the whole of the public sector is taking part in industrial action at the moment and teachers are no exception with the first in a series of national strike actions this week. I am incredibly sympathetic to public sector workers and understand why many feel the need to strike. It has, of course, been really difficult to work our way through the impact that the unions understandably want to generate. As a result it has been difficult to know what resources we have available and to work through which students we can continue to support safely. We are really sorry that so many of our students and you as families will be affected. We will no doubt learn a great deal from the first set of strikes and will use the learning to be even more prepared for any disruption that lies ahead through the spring.

Looking forward, we are really excited about other collaborative events in 2023 including the Trust concert on Wednesday 26th April at 7pm at Bristol Cathedral - we can't wait! (Please note this is a change of date from 15th March 2023 due to possible industrial action on this date). If you work for a company who might be interested in sponsoring our Trust Concert, please get in touch by emailing [enquiries@cathedralschoolstrust.org](mailto:enquiries@cathedralschoolstrust.org) - we would love to hear from you.

**Neil Blundell - Chief Executive Officer**



As part of this newsletter we get a chance to share some of our favourite stories across CST schools. Sadly we can't include everything but please follow us on [Twitter](#) for more regular updates.

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**Meet a CST Trustee - Sir David Eastwood**



From 1st January 2023 CST has a new Chair of Trustees - Sir David Eastwood. David grew up near Manchester, read modern history at Oxford, and taught at Oxford until 1995. He went on to be Vice Chancellor of the University of East Anglia, and Chief Executive for the Higher Education Funding Council. He retired after thirteen years as Vice Chancellor of the University of Birmingham in December 2021. While leading the University of Birmingham, he also chaired the Russell Group of Universities, Universitas 21, UCAS (the university admissions agency) and served on numerous national reviews and commissions including the Tomlinson Review of 14-19 Qualifications and the Westminster Education Commission.

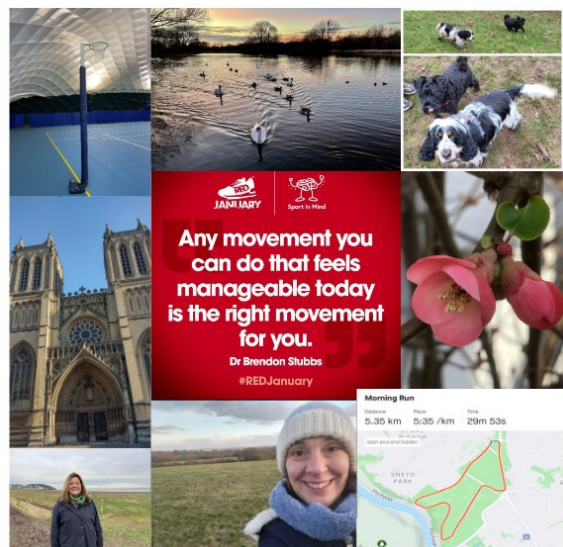
Although nominally retired, David is a member of a number of boards including for the National Institute for Teaching and the Royal Northern College of Music.

**Staff Spotlight - The Red January Team**

We are absolutely delighted to announce that across the Trust and Central Team 95 CST staff members signed up to complete RED January and they have already raised over £900 for this wonderful cause! This is a fantastic achievement for our second year of joining together as a Trust to take part in this nationwide initiative.

For those of you who are not aware, RED January is a charity that was set up in 2016, with the aim of empowering individuals to move every day, beat the winter blues and raise money for Sport in Mind. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Our staff have been busy running, swimming, doing pilates, walking their dogs, cycling, ice skating, step counting, jigsaw puzzling, bird spotting, attending gym sessions and gardening their way through January and managing to keep a smile on their faces as a result!



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## Trust concert - an example of creativity at work!

Cathedral Schools Trust values the creativity and positivity that comes from music-making and is very much looking forward to this year's Trust-wide Concert. When we come together and celebrate collectively as a community we are enriched; this was very evident in last year's concert which provided a much-needed antidote to the previous COVID years.

Young people from our family of 9 schools are preparing items for our **"Festival of Music"**, held at **Bristol Cathedral on Wednesday 26th April 2023**. The concert begins at 7pm and will feature stunning performances from ensembles, choirs and soloists and a very special finale involving all of our students and pupils at once. Please look out for details about tickets from your own school over the coming weeks.



## Collaborative

is one of our core values and it is always good to see where this adds value to schools and brings new opportunities for children. A great example from last term is a collaborative project at St Werburgh's Primary School where Year 3 pupils worked with artist Urban Butterfly, on a mural at the old historic dye works site which is now a new housing development. Urban Butterfly said, "It was great fun to work with Year 3 students on this project. They were super enthusiastic and enjoyed experimenting with mixed media in response to learning about the history of the Brooks Dye Works and some of the unique features of the new housing development."



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### Work with us!



There are a number of [vacancies](#) for teaching and support staff roles across our schools, if you know of anyone who might be interested then do pass on the details. We are also on the lookout for potential clerks to support our local governing bodies and this is often a role that can work for people who want flexible hours e.g. for childcare responsibilities so do get in touch by emailing [enquiries@cathedralschoolstrust.org](mailto:enquiries@cathedralschoolstrust.org) if you are interested.

### Headley Park EFL Kids Cup Triumph!

Congratulations to Headley Park Primary who were the champions of the EFL Kids Cup Tournament and continue to excel at a wide range of sports. We are very proud of all that they continue to achieve and loved the fact that they received a special congratulatory video message from Bristol City Women's Football Club Defender Vicky Bruce!



### Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns your first point of contact should be your designated safeguarding lead, these are signposted on each individual school website and can be found below.

- Headley Park Primary School - Mark Inskip
- Victoria Park Primary School - Laura Mullen
- Stoke Park Primary School - Amy Higgitt
- Cathedral Primary School - Sara Yarnold
- St Werburgh's Primary School - Olivia Dowle
- Hotwells Primary School - Kee Jones
- St Katherine's School - Katharine Crocker
- Bristol Cathedral Choir School - Stephen Fuller
- Trinity Academy - Amy Britton



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