

# CONNECT SCHOOLS ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of term! Autumn term is always long, and as we reach the end of it, everyone is getting tired and really looking forward to the Christmas break.

It is the excitement running up to Christmas which keeps us all going; there really are few places more magical at Christmas than our schools. As I go from school to school, it is lovely to see them all beautifully decorated and to feel the excitement amongst the children. There has been so much going on, and I have to thank all the teachers for their efforts in putting together so many amazing Christmas performances. The children love being able to put on a show which they can share with their parents, and it is wonderful to see them performing with such confidence! We also really appreciate your part in all this – conjuring up angel costumes and taking time to come into school to see the children perform.

Our Bromley Schools also performed to the wider community with choirs taking part in Christmas Carols at The Glades. Our children are great ambassadors for the Trust and we are so proud when members of the public comment on their behaviour (and their singing of course!)

The Trust continues to flourish. Cage Green joined us in July, and we have made a very successful start on our journey towards ensuring that all the children there can reach their full potential. River Mill opened its doors to its first students in September, and is already building a great reputation with parents. We will continue to explore opportunities to expand the Trust building on our strategic vision.

This term also saw the first of what we plan to become regular cross Trust events. Raglan Primary School hosted the Trust Art Gallery which included work from all our Bromley schools on the theme of "What is important to your class?" The results were stunning, and I am sure that all of you who went along to see it will have been amazed at the standard of the work. Building on this success, we will be holding a dance event at Valley Primary School in the spring term.

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In the last weeks at school, the children have enjoyed Christmas lunches and class parties, but we are also thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves. Across our schools, we have made appeals for different items from toys to pyjamas and we have had a marvellous response. It is really heart-warming that you take time to go out and buy these gifts and it really does help the children to understand the true meaning of Christmas.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year and we look forward to seeing the children back in the new year.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A J Carter." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Andrea Carter**  
**CEO**

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