

Leadership at West Thornton

Stuart Roberts CEO of Synaptic Trust is retiring at the end of April. Ron Hall, temporary Principal, left to take up employment in a job closer to home in the North of England.



My name is Ann Debono. I am now the interim CEO for Synaptic Trust. I have been Headteacher of two London primary schools, a strategic education leader in Local Authorities and one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of School working for Ofsted. As CEO I oversee the work of the three academies in the Trust including West Thornton.

Many of you will have seen me at the gate in the morning on both school sites for the morning greeting. Thank you for your friendly smiles each day!

I contribute to the senior leadership team here at West Thornton. Together, we are keen to hear from parents and pupils. We plan parent consultation meetings next term about the school and the Trust. Indeed I am meeting our Pupil Council. I am looking forward to hearing their views and thoughts. Wayne Cooper joins the leadership team after Easter as Executive Headteacher.



I would like to introduce myself as Wayne Cooper, Headteacher of Forest Academy, which is a member of the Synaptic Trust. Forest Academy is my second substantive headship, prior to that I was a headteacher in Cambridgeshire and Head of School in Southwark. My leadership has been judged as Good at my last Ofsted inspection. I feel that Forest Academy is now in a stronger position where I can support both schools strategically. As a member of the Synaptic Trust, I have already been working quite closely with the present and former leadership teams. Being born and bred in West Croydon and Thornton, I am passionate that our children have the best possible outcomes and progress as lifelong learners and become valuable members to our community and society. I am really looking forward to working with you all at West Thornton and supporting the existing leadership team.

Times-Tables Competition



Every Spring the Synaptic Trust holds a times-table competition for Year 3 and 4 pupils. This year's event was hosted by Forest Academy. The children were required to see how many calculations and problems they could answer accurately in 2 minutes. The standards were very high and after the first round the teams from West Thornton, Forest and Woodside Academies we tied. To find the winners a 30 second second speed test tiebreak was held. West Thornton academy emerged victorious and brought both trophies home. Well done to our captains Dheer and Jaswiny.

Easter Bonnet

On Wednesday 10th April and Thursday 11th April we enjoyed our annual Easter Bonnet parade. The pupils had a fantastic time! All participants were invited to make an Easter bonnet at home and then bring into school to show off their spectacular designs! The judge, Ms. Fonseca, was blown away by the creativity that each year group displayed. Special congratulations to Canterbury Hub winners; Jack, Albie, Allyza, Shiloh, Kyiah, Farzen, Archie and Akash and the Rosecourt Rd winners; Vishnu, Kajinan, Jamie, Vaisaali, Lenoshan and Luisa. Of course the day would not have been complete without the staff and parent prizes. Well done to all of those that won, took part and entered fully into the spirit of the event. Finally a special thank you to parents for your enthusiastic support and help with construction.



Safeguarding

Keeping children safe is very important to us. If you are concerned about a child, please do contact any one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads: Rosecourt Rd: Mrs. Cathrae, Mrs Callaghan, Mrs.Pinheiro Canterbury Hub: Mrs McPhee, Mr.Schwartz, Tel: 02086843497



Please make sure lost property is collected at the end of term and ensure that your child's clothes are labelled as then it is much easier to return items to the rightful owners.
Many thanks.