

## The Cornovii Trust NEWSLETTER

## Dear Parents/Carers, Colleagues and Students

We are delighted to welcome Pear Tree Primary School, Nantwich into our local trust. They joined The Cornovii Trust on 1st September and it is a

school we know very well, given the partnership working that has taken place in Nantwich over many years.



Pear Tree is a great addition to our group of local schools, bringing with them a dedicated and talented team of staff and delightful children. The school have had a difficult last few months, due to unplanned leadership instability. As a trust we are doing all we can to respond to a situation we were not expecting and support Pear Tree as best we can. I would like to publicly thank Mr Perry (Headteacher at Audlem) and the governing body at Audlem, for supporting the school and providing great leadership cover during this time. This is the real embodiment of

our trust principle of 'collaboration before competition'. It is a great example of the benefit of being in a trust of schools who work together to help our staff and young people.

- Welcome Pear Tree Primary School
- A new addition in the new year
- Collaboration
- The Cornovii Cup

In addition, Stapeley Broad Lane Church of England Primary in Nantwich, will also be joining our trust early in the new year and we are very excited to welcome them into our group of schools too.

Again, Stapeley are another school we know very well, having worked with them over a long period of time. They too bring great skills and knowledge into our trust, with a fantastic group of children and brilliant staff team.



So, as you can see our local trust continues to grow and there are exciting times ahead for all our schools in which we will work together, support each other, provide more opportunities for our children and staff and help raise standards even higher. Please remember, you can always find more details on our website

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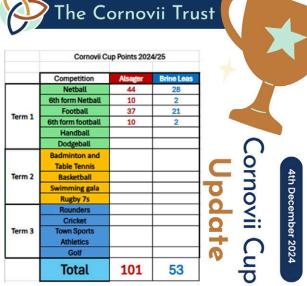
and you can follow us on social media, which will keep you updated on our work, various activities and job vacancies across all sites. As you know, one of our key values and principles is collaboration. We see collaboration as the key driver for school improvement and raising standards. Our schools are working together to benefit our young people and staff, with the aim of making each organisation even better. Throughout this year, we are delivering a rich and varied continuous professional development program to our staff from all schools, using expertise from within our trust. We have appointed two family liaison officers, Mrs Cliffe (Nantwich hub) and Mrs Potts (Alsager hub) who will work across all our schools to support families and our young people to help them engage as much as possible with their school. Each school in our trust is taking the lead on a specific collaboration project, these include Early Years Foundation stage, writing (primary and secondary) and maths (especially around KS2 - 3 transition). We are of course still running The Cornovii Cup competition between the two secondary schools, Alsager and Brine Leas.











However, all this collaborative working is only possible thanks to the outward facing and supportive approach of all our headteachers, leaders, governing bodies and staff. We are very fortunate to have such fantastic school leaders in place and such a talented and professional team of staff working within our schools.

There is still much more to do and we have great plans going forward. Our intention is to make all our great schools even better. I am really excited about the future for our young people and can see The Cornovii Trust going from strength to strength. We are currently planning to grow and by becoming larger, it will give us even more capacity and resources with which to work and improve our schools even more. I would also like to thank all parents / carers for your support with your child's attendance at school. You will have seen in the national press that school attendance remains a cause of serious concern across the country. Our schools are bucking that trend and we are well above local and national figures when it comes to attendance. That is down to great support from parents / carers and fantastic work from our staff. Through school and home working together, it makes tackling attendance issues so much easier. My thanks to you all and please keep up the good work, continue to liaise with your child's school and encourage them to attend as much as possible. While we have made improvements in this area, we still have work to do.

Many thanks for your continued support throughout this year. I wish you and your families a very happy, peaceful Christmas and best wishes for 2025.

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