

# Skylark Partnership Trust December Newsletter



**Our values: Respect, Resilience, Cooperation, Compassion, Honesty, Trust and Hope.**

Welcome to this Christmas edition of the Skylark Partnership Trust newsletter, and my last coming to you as the CEO of the Trust as I am retiring. I truly love the work that we do in the Trust but am looking forward to spending more time with my grandchildren. I would like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to you for your support over my time at the Trust. I feel truly blessed to have had such a wonderful community of people around me. Best wishes to you all - Cath Kitchen.

**Message from Jim Bowyer, our new CEO** - Hello everyone, I am very excited to be joining the Trust in January. I grew up in North Staffordshire and after leaving university, worked in the probation service before training as a teacher in 1993. Since qualifying I have taught in a variety of education settings and am now the Head Teacher of Bristol Hospital Education Service, where I have been since January 2009. Over the last 13 years the service has grown and we teach over 1000 students each year employing 83 staff who work across the settings including an outreach centre, Bristol Royal Hospital for Children, the adolescent psychiatric unit and in community settings. I am a passionate believer in inclusion, and my firm belief that all young people should be given every opportunity to take up their right to go to school with their peers motivates my work. As educators in our sector, we have the chance to teach students in exactly the right, personalised way that works for them and helps them grow and develop into young adults who can make their own way in the world. Making sure that everyone who works with me has what they need to make the most of that chance is why I do my job.

Outside of work I enjoy outdoor activities and particularly enjoy spending time on hills and mountains. I like to travel and will be able to do more of that in the next few years - if only between Bristol and the schools in the trust! I look forward to meeting with you at some point in the new year!

**A message from France Jones, Chair of the Trust Board** - I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cath for her years of service both to our children and the Trust and to welcome Jim Bowyer as our new CEO. Very best wishes for Christmas and to you all.



***Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year from everyone at the Trust***