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Academy Trust  
*'Beyond expectations for all of God's children'*

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Dear Members of the DSAT Family,

You may be aware that we are celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> December. This will be an exciting day as we also hope to welcome our four new schools into the Trust, taking us to 28 schools overall. This letter is being shared with the new schools. It has been wonderful to see the Trust grow over this time and to see how effectively everyone is able to work together for the good of our children.

If you would like to find out more about the Trust, there is some really useful information on our website:

- [DSAT Brochure](#)
- [DSAT Video](#)

We plan to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a number of ways. We don't want to go over-the-top with this but we do want to recognise the journey we have been on.

1. We have already launched our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at our Year 4 singing event at Salisbury Cathedral on 18<sup>th</sup> October. It was amazing to hear one thousand voices singing 'Happy Birthday'!
2. On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 4.30pm, we will be holding a Celebration Service at St Mary's and St Nicholas' Church in Wilton, close to our central office. A number of children from our Spire Hub will be taking part as well as some of our Headteachers, staff and trustees, past and present. This is an open service and anyone is welcome to attend.
3. At 9.30am on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, our actual birthday, we will be holding an online event that all our schools and children across the Trust will join from their school hall or classroom. Again, children and adults from across the Trust will be contributing to this celebration.
4. On the same day, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, we will be holding a Trust-wide 'Bring a Bear, Bring a Pound' day. Each of our schools has a Bear (see below) which represents the fact that the school belongs to the Trust, so we are picking up on that theme. Everyone is invited to bring a bear to school and contribute anything up to £1 (less is absolutely fine) which will go towards raising money for the Child of Hope School in Uganda, which is supported by some of our schools. If we all take part, we could raise over £4,000 for this wonderful cause and make a real difference to young people's lives. Of course, lunchtime on 1<sup>st</sup> December will be branded as a Teddy Bears' Picnic!
5. On 1<sup>st</sup> December, we will also be asking every school to take a photograph that in some way celebrates our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which will be sent into us and be put into a montage to commemorate the day.
6. Every child in the Trust will receive a commemorative badge to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Thank you for your interest and participation in these celebrations and thank you for your on-going support for our Trust and our schools. We truly appreciate every member of our extended family of nearly 5,000 pupils.

Best wishes,

Mark Lacey  
Chief Executive

