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### **Exciting News for Greatstone and Repton Manor Children**

Dear Families,

This is the first of our seasonal updates on Lightyear Federation news for Greatstone and Repton Manor Primary Schools. All regular updates and information will be coming to you through your newsletters from Jaclyn Kay and Jackie Chambers as Heads of School, our wider Federation developments will be sent to you each season. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly though should you wish to speak to me regarding a matter for your child or your child's school.

[exehead@lightyear.kent.sch.uk](mailto:exehead@lightyear.kent.sch.uk) or contact either school and address for my attention, I will always welcome feedback or suggestions and ideas about how we can continue to develop our children's learning opportunities and experiences for the best possible school offer.

Our first seasonal update has some exciting developments already despite our federation being in its initial stages. **Firstly, a massive well done to Rubie Waite from Greatstone for designing our new logo and huge thank you to Repton parent (and You Tuber) Dan Ibbertson for transferring it into a digital format.** The key opportunities presented so far have been pooling our resources, skills and experience to learn from each other. Initially, this will be about staff and governors sharing skills and experiences, with both schools already benefitting from support from colleagues from their partner school. This next stage below is where things get really exciting and unique to our federation.

We have posted adverts for some amazing job roles that are unusual to see in primary schools and these new staff members will be working across both schools and will provide new amazing learning opportunities for your children. Please see the roles below and if you wish to, feel free forward the links to suitable people you feel may be interested.

- **Natural World Teacher** (forest schools, beach schools, nature & wildlife, farming, environmental studies) – <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=111821>
- **Sports Specialist** (leading an exciting range of sports and health based activities from 2-11 year olds) – <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=111797>
- **Arts Specialist** (skilled professional in painting/sculpture/pottery/music/dance/drama) – <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=111783>
- **Design Technology Specialist** (wood work, metal work, electronics, plumbing, practical skills) – <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=111799>

These new Lightyear Federation employees will start after Easter and will initially be based in one school but will spend the coming academic years working across both schools and enhancing our curriculums to offer truly unique learning opportunities for your children.

Kind regards

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