Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to this first edition of the Kent Association of Headteachers’ newsletter. The Kent Association of Headteachers (KAH) is here for every Kent school and every school is a member. Work of the KAH includes the distribution and monitoring of collaborative funding—however its role is ever-developing and considers many aspects of school improvement. Working closely with the Local Authority we are able to use local knowledge to support those most vulnerable schools and to support “good” schools on their journey to “outstanding.” Having met as a “North Board” on a termly basis, we would like to develop our work further over the next year.

Whilst the KAH has been in existence for several years, we have seen the greatest impact this year especially through the collaborative funding which KAH are now responsible for awarding and monitoring.

I would like to wish all colleagues a positive start to the term and I look forward to working with you during the next academic year. Lots of challenges ahead, notably the new NC and SEN—but together I am confident we can survive life after levels!

Kind regards,
Garry Ratcliffe—Executive Headteacher, Oakfield and Temple Hill Community Primary Schools, KAH North Chair

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Collaborative Funding

Schools within the North Area have directly benefited from Collaborative funding, agreed by the Funding Forum. We look forward to seeing the impact of this funding during the next academic year.

- £393,530 spent across North Kent
- £84,675 in Dartford
- £127,500 in Gravesham
- £126,355 in Sevenoaks
- £55,000 for a whole-Area Attendance Project

A Massive Congratulations to

Pam Jones who has been awarded an OBE in The Queen’s Birthday Honours. Pam joins other hardworking, dedicated Heads who have been recognised for their services to education. Congratulations!

A Date for your diary...

7th October 2014
Ashford International Hotel
KAH Headteacher Conference—“Glimpsing the Future... A World of Possibility” - BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW via CPD online

Your North Board Chair is Garry Ratcliffe. Please contact him or any other member of The North Board if you have any support matters you wish to discuss. headteacher@oakfield.kent.sch.uk