

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents

As we rapidly approach the end of the year, I feel we must reflect on what has been another extremely busy, fantastic year at Staverton.

Overall, we were delighted with the outcomes of our two inspections in May; we have received praise from the Director for Children, Families and Education at the local authority, the Chief Executive of PDET (our academy trust) and the Diocesan Director of Education. It was clear throughout my dialogue with the Ofsted inspector that the school was judged to be extremely strong across all the areas inspected (namely standards, children's progress and safeguarding). In terms of the Church School inspection, I was particularly pleased with the outstanding judgement as this inspection recognised all that the school does in terms of the 'development of the whole child' and for me this is what primary school education is all about.

I continue to be immensely proud of:

- Our school 'family' ethos. Our school values continue to be embedded. Following our focus on Compassion, a special moment was when a child in Reception shared in school what he had made at home – toys for the children who had lost theirs in the Grenfell fire. Unprompted, 'Big Friends' continue to support their 'Little Friends'. Our two Year 6 Ambassadors have carried out their role extremely responsibly, presenting to governors and the Parish Council and organising charity fundraising, ably supported by our School Council. Our 3 Church services, Remembrance Service and Christingle Service continue to be well received and our weekly Celebration Assemblies very well attended.
- Our sporting achievements in interschool competitions. We have entered 14 competitions / festivals throughout the year and have become Daventry Cluster Hockey Champions and PDET 'Going for Gold' champions.
- Our music provision. All children in Year 1 – 4 have once again learnt to play a musical instrument. The children's singing is second to none. Both our Class 1 and 2 Christmas Concert and our Class 3 and 4 End of Year concert were triumphs.
- The way in which we try to bring learning to life. Overall, across the school the children have experienced 20 visits / visitors this year, including a residential trip for the oldest children. A particularly inspirational visitor was Ben Smith, winner of the Helen Rollason Award, who talked to the children about believing in themselves (he had run 401 marathons in 401 days!). He was truly remarkable and his visit totally memorable.

In order for all of the above to happen, I must therefore take this opportunity to mention the continued immense commitment, dedication and drive of our staff team. In a small school a great load is placed on a few shoulders and each staff member has worked tirelessly, often sacrificing family time at home to provide the best learning experiences possible for the children at our school. I could not ask for more; we are extremely lucky to have them.

Governors continue to give their precious time freely to support the strategic development of the school. They were highly praised by the inspectors this year and deservedly so. It continues to be a privilege to work with them.

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Your children, as you know, are so special. They continue to reach and exceed our expectations, taking on new challenges unquestioningly. They have displayed courage, resilience and responsibility; overall they have excelled.

And finally, as always, a huge thank you goes to you, the parents. The school relies on your support and you never fail to deliver. It is a pleasure working in partnership with you.

I wish you all a very relaxing, healthy Summer and look forward to seeing the children refreshed and ready for learning on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Walker-Green  
Headteacher

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