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Dear Parents and Carers

Chair of Governors Newsletter – January 2018

Firstly, and on behalf of the Governors, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. I hope that you and your family had a good Christmas break and that you were able to attend at least one of the many events put on by the School at the end of last term. John Gray tells me that the Nativity Play performed by the Mice and Squirrel classes was a great success and raised the sum of £92 for Young Healthy Minds. I still remember my daughters swathed in silver tinsel singing their hearts out as angels in their Nativity Play, so we do need to thank the staff and their helpers for making these wonderful memories for both the children and their parents. The Choir's 'Carols in the Community' afternoon just before the holiday was also lovely and enjoyed by all present.

Thanks must also go to the Friends for organising a very enjoyable and successful Christmas Fair and their generous donation of funds to the School. The Charity Committee's 'Christmas Jumper Day' also raised £85 for the Save the Children Fund.

All of the above clearly evidence the School's Christian Ethos which has also been recognised as Outstanding in our recent Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)/Section 48 of the Education Act.

SIAMS judges the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a Church of England school and aims to help schools improve as church schools. School governors have a statutory duty to uphold the religious character of the school and to ensure that this element is inspected. SIAMS inspections are administered by Canterbury Diocese and carried out by nationally accredited and trained inspectors. The main focus is in the outcomes achieved by the School, i.e. the impact of provision, rather than the provision itself. The full assessment criteria for the inspection is available on the Canterbury Diocese Website.

I would like to thank Geoff Wright who led the School SIAMS preparation working party, and the Parish for their work and support of the School for SIAMS and throughout the rest of the year.



That we have been assessed as a provider of high quality learning and teaching by the two most important educational inspectors, Ofsted and SIAMS, in 2017 is indeed a significant achievement and one that the School can justly be proud of. External assessment is, in my view, immensely important to the School and all its stakeholders in that it endorses the Governors own monitoring and provides confirmation that the School's educational provision meets, and in our case, exceeds the national benchmarks.

The role of the Governing Body is also recognised as being important to the success of the school and I would also like to thank Sara Newman and Dianne Vanstone for agreeing to join as parent governors.

Best wishes

Maxine Blades