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Dear Parents

Trust Board Newsletter – Spring Term 2022

It's been a year since I've had the honour of writing our regular update and it comes as no surprise that once again, there are many exciting things to cover.

Within the school there has been a lot of activity around development of the premises itself; working hard to improve the day to day lives of pupils and staff as well as environmental impact of our energy usage. Through the concerted efforts of the Headteacher and the Team there have been wide ranging improvements made to both water and electrical works throughout the school. It doesn't stop there, there are more improvement on the horizon to benefit all and keep the school at the highest standard (and Mrs Robinson is still applying pressure to build the swimming pool).

The Trust Board are sorry to say goodbye to two key members of staff. Mrs Liza Abbott (6A) is moving on to another role and Mrs Laura Smith (4S) will be relocating to be closer to her family. On behalf of the board I would like to thank them both for all of their hard work and effort and wish them the very best in the future.

We're particularly proud of the high standard of teaching which continues to be judged as outstanding. This is validated by our School Improvement Partners, Andrew Binnell and Melissa Heatherson.

We are delighted with progress of the school development plan overall, but worth particular mention is the move to White Rose Maths. This is a very exciting project which as been well received by staff and pupils alike and is a great example of how the school continues to push for success.

The trustees have enjoyed returning to monitoring in person. Recent visits by trustees have been both enjoyable and have provided strong insight. Recent visits have focused on children's books across all subjects looking at mastery, editing skills and literacy targets as well as what support is provided to our children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Of particular note and worthy of announcement has to be the Music Festival which was held at the Towngate Theatre and is supported by children from all of our local schools. I was fortunate enough to attend personally and the event was a major success; a credit to all the schools that took part. As this event was postponed in recent years it was clear that its return was welcomed by parents and children.

The quality of the singing was exceeded only by the children's enthusiasm and the show even featured a solo piano performance from one of our very own children, which was just incredible. I have had feedback from headteachers that had supported the show and they were truly overwhelmed by the event.

The board would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those involved in preparing our Choir and to the parents that helped make this event happen.



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Following this theme, we are equally as excited to hear that the Year and 4 choir are performing their 'Jack and the Beanstalk' show this week during the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup> March. The children have been working hard and looking forward to performing in front of their parents and friends. It's wonderful to see such commitment and dedication. Once again, a heartfelt thanks to the parents and staff that give up their time to assist the children in making this happen.

As I wish you a happy Easter, I would again like to send our thanks to children, parents and, of course, all of the staff for the continued effort and support that each of you give to make the school a place that we can all be proud of.

I wish you a restful Easter break,

Yours sincerely

Aaron Mears  
Community Trustee, on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

