

24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Families,

As we are now at the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to share some of our successes and to say thank you to our wonderful community for your continuing support.

This year we have achieved so much, our Ofsted inspection in June was very successful and I was so proud that the inspectors recognised our 'high expectations' for what pupils should achieve and how much our children enjoy their learning at St. Andrew's.

In the last week we have been awarded the Leading Parent Partnership Award for the fourth time. This is another great achievement for our school. It is wonderful to read a report that starts with "St. Andrew's is a school that works hard to support all members of the community and there are strong links and great value placed on creating a culture of partnership." This is a testament to all the hard work of our staff throughout the pandemic and beyond, but especially Miss Sue who works so hard for all our families.

Earlier this year, we gained Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship Status again. Only around 100 schools in the UK have achieved this status which recognises our inclusivity and our excellent work in supporting our children with additional needs. Once again, I commend the hard work of all our staff but especially Miss Forrest for doing such an amazing job as our Special Needs Co-ordinator.

On another successful note, our Y6 children performed amazingly well in their SATs tests this year, achieving above average levels in all areas of reading, writing and maths. They have all worked so hard and are more than ready to move on to their new secondary schools. We hope that they will continue to do their very best and be proud of their 'roots' at St. Andrew's. Congratulations to the Y6 team and thank you for all your hard work.

Finally, on a personal note, you may not see me in the playground as often as you used to but please rest assured that I am here and that my heart is always at St. Andrew's. I am immensely proud of everything we achieve together and want to thank every single member of staff for their hard work and dedication to our children. Our school community is truly exceptional and our children and families are the best.

Have a great Summer holiday and see you in September,

Jayne Mitchell  
Executive Headteacher