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Dear Parent and Carers,

School Improvement Update

As we draw towards the close of this academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to share progress that the staff, Governors and children have made since the OFSTED inspection in September 2023 and to thank parents for their continued support.

We have embedded a wide range of changes since the inspection, and having worked closely with the local authority to moderate our judgements, we are confident to self-evaluate the school as 'Good' in preparation for the next inspection:

- Our curriculum has been fully audited to ensure it is National Curriculum compliant and is well planned and sequenced
- 'Pupil voice' activities demonstrate that children feel safe and happy at school and are able to talk with confidence about their learning
- The teaching and learning in mixed age classes is monitored carefully to ensure it is creative, ambitious and that it always enables children to make progress
- There is now an enhanced extra-curricular offer which has provided opportunities such as archery, curling, nature club and the very popular Lego club!
- The staff and Governors are 'outward facing' and keen to work with other professionals and settings to share and improve practice, e.g. working with the Tuxford family of schools to moderate judgements and working closely with The Maths Hub to develop a detailed understanding of Maths Mastery
- Governors have worked tirelessly behind the scenes, quality assuring the school improvement plan in their roles as link-curriculum Governors and acting as a critical friend to move the school forwards
- There has been continued support from the Friends Of, who have provided some incredible fundraising events throughout the year-thank you, and to all the parents that have supported this!

Collaboration

Going forwards, we are keen to ensure that as a small school, we will continue to be 'outward facing'. With this in mind, we have entered into a collaborative working party with two other schools, Dean Hole Primary (which is an associate of the TEAM Education Trust) and Sutton-on-Trent Primary. The purpose of the group is to find creative solutions to local issues. As a group of three small schools, we

are able to become part of a DfE bid to fund the collaboration (being submitted by Team Education Trust on behalf of the three schools)

If the DfE bid is successful, we believe this will create many opportunities for the school:

- There will be increased opportunities for our children to be supported by quality, external providers, e.g. links to Chesterfield Football Club and Lincoln City, who facilitate outreach support in schools
- Opportunities for our children to join learners from other schools in themed, fully immersive experience days
- Access to other school's facilities to support a wide range of subjects
- Support for staff and subject leaders in school to work as part of a wider network of staff to further develop our mixed-age curriculum.

The collaboration between schools and the DfE bid are in their infancy, so we will keep you posted with updates.

Training Days

To support the work of the collaboration, the local authority has approved an additional training day in order for us to meet with staff from Dean Hole and Sutton-on-Trent.

Therefore, our training days will be as follows for 2024/2025:

- 02.09.24- School closed to pupils (Admin day)
- 03.09.24- School closed to pupils (Training day)
- 24.02.25- School closed to pupils (Training day)
- 19.06.25- School closed to pupils (Training day)
- 28.07.25- School closed to pupils (Training day)
- 29.07.25- School closed to pupils (Training day)

Thank you for your support.



Ilona Sanderson
Head Teacher