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Update from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another jam-packed academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with a summary of activity and achievements.

School Improvement Plan

I last wrote you about the potential academisation and confirmed that we had successfully proved to the Secretary of State for Education that the school was making significant improvements since the last Ofsted inspection. To address the areas of development identified by Ofsted, the governing board and senior leadership team continuously monitor the implementation of our School Improvement Plan. Additionally, as a 'Requires Improvement' school, regular progress meetings are held with Derbyshire County Council's Education Team and I am pleased to report on their satisfaction with how the SIP is being implemented particularly in both reading and mathematics. Thank you to the hard work of all staff involved in continuing to make further improvements to the school that contribute to greater outcomes for our children.

Sporting Success

Well done to all children that have taken part in recent sporting events – particularly both the girls' and boys' cricket teams.

It was great to join other parents and carers to cheer on the children at the recent sports days that were held over the last couple of weeks. A massive well done to all of the children who took part, in particular to the winning house, Malala, who received the sports day trophy and earned themselves an extra playtime.

Staffing – leavers and arrivals



I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and good luck to Mr Ellison, Miss. Horsefield and Mrs. Jackson and a warm Dukes' welcome to Mrs Helen Rochitts, Miss Carly Turner, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Heppolette and Mrs. Allison.

Year 6

Well done to all Year 6 children on all their hard work and effort which contributed to their fabulous

SATS results. I was honoured to attend the recent A Night of Stars Year 6 leavers' awards ceremony held at Glossopdale School. It was an incredible celebration of their achievements and I wish them all the very best as they move on from Dukes.

Parent & Teacher Association (PTA)

A huge thank you to the Duke's PTA for an amazing year of fundraising. The PTA plays a crucial role in generating additional funds for the school and since September last year, have raised an incredible £12,600. One of the fantastic initiatives was Dukes Fest. Held on 16 June, the event was a resounding success that alone, raised a massive £3560.66 – a huge thanks to the PTA, volunteers and the school staff for making the event so enjoyable.

Happy Summer

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer holiday with your loved ones.

Thanks

Tom Plant
Chair of Governors

