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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am writing to update you on progress made since we last met at our Visioning Evening in July. We covered many topics during the session including the Senior Leadership Team's predictions on data results and expected progress made by all pupils during the past academic year. I am delighted to inform you that we have received official indication/confirmation that Holy Trinity pupils have achieved exemplary progress and attainment results. The National League Tables published today make delightful reading. Holy Trinity is listed as 115 in the 'BBC Primary School League Tables: Best Results' <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-30422467> which analyses the data from the best 213 schools in the whole country. This is a phenomenal achievement.

In the latest SATs results, 100% of last year's Year 6 cohort achieved Level 4 (the national standard) or above in their Reading, Writing and Maths. In Reading 76% of pupils exceeded national expectations by achieving Level 5, 40% achieved Level 5 in Writing and 84% a Level 5 in Mathematics. In total, 40% achieved Level 5s in all three areas and in mathematics six pupils (24%) achieved Level 6s compared with 9% nationally. This data places us in the top 1% of schools nationally. We are thrilled that the exacting, closely monitored intervention measures that have been put in place have produced deserved results both in individual progress and attainment for each pupil.

The mechanisms are firmly in place so that this trend will continue; we have always been determined that the pupils at our school receive the very best all round education. Well done to them for working so diligently. Our congratulations and thanks also go to Mr Rooney, Miss Smith, our senior leaders and staff. We, as governors are proud of their tenacity and achievements and above all, for significantly raising the standards across all aspects of life at Holy Trinity.

Further verification that Holy Trinity is getting noticed for the right reasons was evidenced from the highly complimentary letter that Anna Smith received from Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State at the Dept. for Education (see attached).

Additionally, I wanted to thank you for your support in supporting the school to make the necessary step changes we identified and sharing your valuable insight and advice at the Visioning Evening in July. It has been extremely helpful to the Governors as we look to build on our now solid foundation for the future. Parents/Carers contribute positively in many ways to the life of the school, and we will continue to ensure we make the most of that. We do understand the desire for 'wrap around care' however it is not in the current plan. I have attached the output from that meeting for you to read and we have incorporated your feedback into our ongoing strategic plan for the school.

Some of the key areas you highlighted were:-

Values – nurturing healthy and happy children to achieve their full potential.

Facilities – much-needed improvements to our school buildings and facilities to enable the school to meet today's and tomorrow's challenges.

Core competencies – emphasis on the building blocks that create life-long learners equipped for the modern world.

Community – we are a part of the community in Cookham, and this is important for all members of the Holy Trinity family. Our links with the church, village and local businesses help us be the school we want to be.

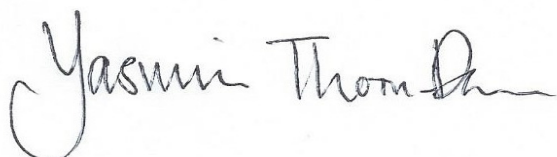
Communication – there are great things happening at Holy Trinity, and we shouldn't be shy of telling the local community more about them.

Sports – a vital part of a child's development and one that everyone is keen to see grow and develop.

I wanted to reiterate to you how important your views are to us. They have helped guide our decision-making in the current school year and beyond. I suspect that you will agree that many of the comments raised were either being addressed or in the plan but it is highly encouraging that we share the same opinion on many points. For instance, I notice from the extra curricular timetable that, as well as running a Breakfast Club, an activity runs each day at 8am and after school until 4.15pm. All staff run or supports a club in the school. We are in the process of putting the final touches to our Vision and will share that with you in the New Year. The updated plan 2014-15 is available to read on the school's website.

I look forward to updating you on our progress in the coming months, and to another successful year for Holy Trinity. In the meantime, thank you again for your ongoing support and all governors wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yasmin Thorn-Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'Y'.

Yasmin Thorn-Davis

Chair of Governors