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Dear Parents,

A REVIEW OF THE YEAR AT ST. ANDREW'S

As we approach the end of the year I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for your continued support and to share some of our successes with you. The year has passed very quickly and so much has been achieved. Once again our Y2 and Y6 children have achieved incredibly well in their SATs tests and well above the national average. I am so proud of them all and commend them on their hard work.

This year we have also achieved several national awards.

NACE CHALLENGE AWARD

In November 2016 we won the NACE Challenge Award. This accolade is awarded to schools where there is high quality provision and practice for more able pupils and where attainment for all pupils is excellent. Our report states that ***'there is a real sense of community at St. Andrew's it is like one big family, where there is no fear of failure and an aim to develop each child as a fully rounded person.'***

INVESTORS IN PEOPLE GOLD AWARD

In December 2016 we achieved the Investors in People Gold Award. This award recognises our commitment to the continuous professional development of all our staff and how this leads to school improvement. The official report states that ***'there is a huge amount of good practice at St. Andrew's school, which is borne out in a number of ways, including the progression of its pupils, the high levels of employee retention and the amount of outreach that the school is involved in.'*** I am hugely proud of all our staff at St. Andrew's and everything that they achieve for our children on a daily basis.

INCLUSION QUALITY MARK FLAGSHIP SCHOOL STATUS

On top of all of this, we achieved the Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship School status in April 2017. The assessor recognised that a lot of developmental work had taken place over the year leading to an exceptional ethos of support and development for all our children. Our children were described as having positive and caring attitudes with excellent behaviour – I am so proud of them all.

Our partnership with Christ Church SW9 Primary School has also been a success this year. St. Andrew's staff have worked alongside their Christ Church colleagues offering support and modeling good practice and as a result there has been much improvement. Moving forward, we expect the benefits of the SW9 Partnership to increase next year. Class teachers are already beginning to plan trips and visits together, we hope to make more use of the forest school area at Christ Church and there will be opportunities for our school councils, digital leaders and able, gifted and talented children to work together.

In addition, our Senior Leadership team will increase as Ms Flora Kisby, the Deputy Headteacher at Christ Church, will now become the Literacy Subject Leader across both schools. Ms Kisby has a wealth of expertise and was most recently a senior lecturer in English at Roehampton University. She will offer much knowledge and assistance to our new teachers at St. Andrew's.

Once again, may I take this opportunity to thank you for the support, encouragement and love that you offer to our school and our staff. It is always a real team effort at St. Andrew's and an absolute privilege to teach your children. I hope that you all have a restful and happy Summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,
Jayne Mitchell
Executive Headteacher