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Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year to you all!! I hope you all had a good Christmas. We received our Ofsted Report on the last day of term and did not have time to get a letter out to you all – just a text – so if you were unaware, the Report is now public and a copy can be found on our web-site. We are delighted we are no longer viewed as a school requiring improvement and pleased with the positive comments and suggestions for improvement within the Report. We never believed we were as bad as the previous Ofsted team reported and we have always maintained your support and belief, and that of the LA, throughout this difficult period. The positive outcome now gives us a window in which to work to our own agenda of improving the school and not having to follow an enforced programme of getting out of Requiring Improvement. Thank you all for your many complimentary remarks on Twitter/Facebook and in the Parent Questionnaire/Interviews during this last Inspection.

We are making slow progress with our MAT Application – we are now told it could be February before they make a decision on approval – and then it can take up to 6 months of meetings with stakeholders as to whether or not actually joining the MAT is what we all want.

The Principal vacancy has not been filled – we failed to interview first time around as Governors felt they did not have sufficient suitable applicants. They are presently shortlisting for second time this week. I am prepared to stay on to the summer if necessary given the appointment situation and the fact that the MAT process is taking so long – but will keep you informed as soon as we get a decision from Governors.

I hope those who were able to attend enjoyed our Christmas Carol Service at Middleton St Mary's and the brilliant Nativity performance in school on the last day.

Spring half term is from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February and we break up for Easter on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March (29<sup>th</sup> is a Training Day) returning for summer term on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April. There will be no Play-scheme at half term but we will be offering a week at Easter and 3 in the summer – Sharon will be sending a letter out soon.

Take care,

John Fryer



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