



Friday 16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Autumn term has certainly been very busy and I'm sure you are looking forward to spending time together over the Christmas period.

We have had a successful start to the academic year and while we continue to look for growth our core mission of supporting small rural primary schools to flourish remains. I strongly believe that schools and school buildings are community assets and that we need to protect, promote and open them up to the local community.

As a Trust we are about to embark on the next stage of our journey, taking on two large special school academies in Suffolk, further diversifying our Trust and strengthening the skill set within our team. This is part of a wider recalibration of the academy system, a key aim of the Government education white paper, although, it is due to the natural evolution of the system rather than the direct result of government policy. While further growth provides opportunities your child remains at the heart of our decision making as we plan strategically for the direction of each of our schools.

If you have been watching Handmade: Britain's Best Woodworker you would have seen our Winterton caretaker Jacob Bell, successfully get to the final. We were thrilled for Jacob and he continues to share his woodworking skills to inspire creativity within our pupils.

There will be an additional bank holiday on Monday 8 May to celebrate His Majesty's Coronation and I'm sure there will be some lovely activities planned in the lead up to this special occasion.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne
CEO & Principal