



Dear Samuel Barlow Primary and Wainwright Primary Academy families,

Well the autumn and winter terms has been and gone, it's continued to be a challenge in both academies with Covid still around, I would like to say a big thank you the staff for your hard work and commitment for our academies, you are all stars.

The governors have continued to support, holding our Academy Committee meetings face to face, link governor/staff meetings face to face, (I would like thank staff for giving their time up to support us).

Although we are moving forward and as they say there's light at the end of the tunnel, we need to be mindful that Covid is still here, something we are going to have to live with, it's still bring challenges to both academies.

But in all this we have lots to celebrate.

- In January Ofsted visited Samuel Barlow, the leadership team, staff, parents and students did a great job showing the inspectors what Samuel Barlow is all about, congratulation to everyone for getting the result of GOOD in all areas, great team work.
- At the beginning of February the Trust came to Wainwright to carry out an AIR inspection, great team work by everyone and a positive report and result came from the visit.

One of the most positive things for both academies is the return to face to face activities.

Wainwright Academy:

- Our football team played Mansfield academy and beat them winning the tournament they were playing.
- We've had the return of school discos which have all gone really well and raised money for the PTA.
- We have celebrated world book day and given all the children some wonderful reading experiences

Samuel Barlow Academy:

- Successful return to face to face experiences to enhance learning such as the visit in school from a theatre company.

- Parents evening in person and not virtual.
- Children in Y5/6 beginning swimming lessons.

As governors we are aware of the stress and anxiety that last 2 and half years has caused staff, students and parents, Mental Health and Well-being of staff and students has been a concern and a priority for governors, in all our conversations with the Senior Leadership, this along with safeguarding has been at the forefront of our conversations

The last 2 and half years has been hard, a lot of unknowns, but together we have succeeded, I look forward to the day when Covid is just a word from the past, but, whatever challenges that brings, I know that with the dedicated staff we have, support by the governors we will beat whatever comes our way.

On behalf of the governors I would like to wish you all a good Easter break.

**Kind Regards**

**Mr Pete Edwards**

**Chair of Academy Committee governors**