

Dear Samuel Barlow Primary and Wainwright Primary Academy families,

Here we are at the end of the first term of 2023/24 and it has been a busy term at both academies.

The governors continue to support the academies and thank staff, children and families for their continued support. Governors continue to meet, we have welcomed two new governors to the committee. We said goodbye to one of our governors from the committee, who is now the principal for an academy within the trust. We extend our thanks to Tom Reid for his commitment and support for both academies during his term of office. We have vacancies on the committee, particularly parent governors, if you think this is something you would like to look at, please talk to our principals.

Both academies have achieved so much, below are some bullet points of the successes which are supported by the Academy Committee and Senior Leadership Team.

#### Samuel Barlow

- Our community presence has been strong with two services held in All Saints Church for families to attend, the local care home visited by children and our Young Voices choir have performed there and at the Clipstone Lights Switch on event.
- Special events such as Book Fair, Children in Need, Odd Socks Day and Christmas Jumper day have been very well supported as well as nearly £1000 being raised for Young Voices
- Our exciting expansion project is nearly complete and we are looking forward to moving into new office space, reception area, kitchen and hall in the New Year
- Behaviour for learning is positive and leading to good progress across the academy enriched by the presence of our colleagues from Nottingham Forest Primary Stars, Inspire Music Service and Next Level Sports

#### Wainwright

- The children have been very fortunate to have a fabulous PTA who raised enough money to buy the children from F2 - Y6 a ticket to see the Beauty and the Beast pantomime at the Palace Theatre - which the children thoroughly enjoyed.
- We celebrated special days and events including Ethel Wainwright Day, Grinch day.
- We have had some great visitors and visits, including trips to St Mary's church for Christingle and to learn more about Christmas and Harvest festival at St Johns.
- As well as some amazing progress seen in all year groups and some incredible work.

As governors, mental health and well-being of staff and children has been a concern and a priority, in all our conversations with the Senior Leadership Team, along with safeguarding and SEN/D which have been at the forefront of our conversations.

On behalf of the governors I would like to wish all staff, children and their families a very Merry Christmas and look forward to a prosperous 2024.

**Kind Regards,  
Mr Pete Edwards, Chair of Academy Committee governors**