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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of 2023, we take a moment to reflect on the remarkable year we've had at St. Ann's School. This year has been filled with significant achievements, milestones, and the wonderful spirit of our community.

This year our school has achieved an outstanding Ofsted rating, which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff, students and supportive families. As a result of this success, we have had some fantastic visits from Cllr Peter Mason, Cllr Kamaljit Nagpal and Robert South. In fact, Robert South, who is the Strategic Director of Children's Services for the London Borough of Ealing, was quoted saying, "Despite their recent outstanding Ofsted outcome, they are driving numerous invaluable initiatives which are continuously improving the day-to-day experiences and achievements of children and families".

Our students, guided by our imaginative teachers, have shown immense dedication in developing their cognition, communication, life skills, and engagement.

To meet the growing needs of our school, we are moving toward the second stage of an expansion plan that brings us closer to our goal of accommodating 125 students. To maintain high learning standards, we have strengthened our leadership team by increasing to four Assistant Head Teachers specialising in Curriculum, Assessment, and Behaviour Support. If you have any inquiries in these areas, please contact the school office, and we will connect you with the appropriate Assistant Head.

The St. Ann's School Foundation, which was formerly known as the school's charity, has achieved remarkable success thanks to the dedicated board leading it. I would also like to express my gratitude to the volunteers who worked tirelessly for the charity, particularly David Jenkins, who raised £1000 by walking 21km. The charity was able to raise over £20,000, which enabled us to purchase an 8-seater electric vehicle with wheelchair access. This is a step towards sustainability and continued community engagement, both of which are essential aspects of our students' life skills learning.

We bid farewell to our beloved calypso teacher, Sametra Mohindru, as she embarks on a charitable journey in support of the most deprived in India. We eagerly anticipate the valuable ideas she will bring back to enrich our school community.

Through meaningful partnerships with Brentford Football Club, Equals Charity and many other organisations we have enhanced our curriculum, making St. Ann's a provider of exceptional education. An exciting day with Equals Charity is on the horizon, where schools nationwide will visit St. Ann's to witness and learn from our best practices.

On 1st December 2023, our school proudly published a chapter in the book titled "A Different View of Curriculum and Assessment for Severe, Complex and Profound Learning Disabilities" (Connecting Research with Practice in Special and Inclusive Education). This chapter showcased our innovative curriculum and was a moment of great pride for us.

Within the school, joyous festivities such as the Christmas market, carol singing, and the Panto named "The Pirate's Impromptu" brought the spirit of the season alive. Our fantastic drumming workshop led by Fola and Benjamin personalised the experience to our students' needs. They also had a special encounter with a professional dog trainer and his four performance dogs—Luna, Busy, Rocky, and Molly—stars in various movies and television shows. Enriching trips, such as the one to the Wallace Collection, expanded our students' horizons.

The introduction of Seesaw has enhanced transparency in communication with families, providing a platform for seamless interaction between home and school. This Christmas, your young person's MAPP report will be sent digitally through Seesaw.

We express our deepest gratitude to our exceptional social worker, John Lyons, who has served St. Ann's for 15 years, as he retires. The role has been advertised, and interviews will take place next half term. We will be recruiting for this role in January, and the advert has been published on TES, the Ealing Council website, and LinkedIn. You can view the advert by clicking this link: [Social Worker](#).

As we bid farewell to 2023, we extend our warmest wishes for a joyous holiday season and a new year filled with continued growth, learning, and success.

With warm regards



Timmy Holdsworth
Head Teacher.



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