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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach the end of this busy autumn term, I would like to assure you that the staff at all three schools of The Saints Federation have been able to provide your children with valuable educational experiences and enrichment opportunities in happy, safe and stimulating environments. We were sorry to have had the boiler problems at St. Andrew's Primary. I thank the staff for all their efforts and I would also like to thank you for your support and encouragement which is vital for your child's success.

Members of the IEB regularly visit the schools within the federation to monitor the work of the schools. We have been very lucky to also have the federation's improvement journey externally validated along the way. I would like to share with you some of the highlights we have enjoyed.

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)

All Saints 21/3/23

At All Saints Primary last year, the inspector was able to see clearly that,

"Positive, trusting relationships exist in this supportive and encouraging school community where all are treated with dignity and respect."

Hapton 6/7/23

At Hapton Primary the inspection in the summer term affirmed the significance of the vision,

"The Christian vision is lived out in the flourishing of all, especially the vulnerable. A firmly established environment built on safety, dignity and respect is a driving force for school leaders."

St Andrew's Primary 19/10/23

We were delighted to receive the church school inspection report for St Andrew's Primary which highlighted so many positive aspects of the school and especially how **"it empowers older pupils to be role models for younger pupils in the behaviour and knowledge that they display. Teachers lead ambitious whole-group discussions that stretch pupils' thinking and encourage open debate and reflection."** This reflects the time spent building the ethos of the schools with the vision of The Saints Federation firmly rooted in the day-to-day experiences and relationships between staff and pupils. **"Pupils love to shine as beacons of love and justice. Staff, parents and children work together for the good of all."**

The inspector also recognised the benefits to pupils belonging to the The Saints Federation. We are proud of all our pupils within the federation and how our vision and ethos support our communities to flourish.

Ofsted inspections

Ofsted inspections have also recognised the good personal development and behaviour of the pupils.

Executive Headteacher: Miss R. Price

St Andrews 16/11/22

“Pupils are happy at, and speak enthusiastically about, their ‘friendly’ school. Leaders have ensured that teachers understand how to adapt the curriculum for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). As a result of this, pupils with SEND receive the support they need to help them to learn better.”

Hapton 6/6/23

“Hapton is a happy school where everybody is valued. The school’s Christian values are at the heart of pupils’ experiences. Pupils are safe and well cared for. Leaders have a clear passion to promote a love of reading. They are linking high quality texts to topics across the wider curriculum. Pupils of all ages enjoy sharing these texts in class. The teaching of early reading is a strength in the school.”

Following each inspection, we focus our work on the areas for development to ensure that each child thrives. This can be seen in our **results** at the end of last year, which saw an improvement in reading across all sites and in both Key Stage 1 and 2 the results for reading were 60% or above. At Hapton the year 6 pupils achieved 100% in Reading, SPAG and Maths SATs. What an amazing achievement. We are so proud of the children.

Executive Headteacher Sept 2024

Miss Price, who has been instrumental in bringing about much progress, including financial security, at The Saints Federation, will be leaving at the end of the summer term. Following a rigorous recruitment process, The Interim Executive Board are delighted to have appointed Mrs Esme Sexton as the substantive Executive Headteacher from 1st September 2024. We are confident that with her knowledge of the three schools, her leadership skills and her passion for quality education, she is ideally placed to lead the federation forward to future success.

Academy Status

We are looking forward to joining the St Benet’s multi-academy trust. The application is with the Department for Education (DfE), who review the capacity of trusts to provide support to new academies. St. Benet’s is the fastest growing academy trust and as such the DfE review when they can take on a federation. The timing is based on the trust and not directly on our three individual schools. Our journey towards the trust is assured and will be a smooth transition for pupils, staff and families.

In the meantime, the IEB will continue in place as governance to work with school leaders and to oversee the strategic development and continued improvement of our schools.

I am sure everyone is looking forward to our celebratory Christmas Extravaganza trip to mark the first anniversary of our new vision, for whom our children remain our prominent ambassadors as they lead us all to ‘shine as lights in the world’!

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas with your families and a healthy New Year for everyone!

Best wishes

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Chair IEB