



The Dove Federation

*"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts.
Use them well to serve one another."*

18th December 2018

Dear all

The governors would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, healthy and relaxing Christmas and a fun-filled New Year. We have had a very busy and exciting Autumn term at both schools', and we are looking forward to the same next term too.

Headship recruitment

Before half term we put out an advert for recruiting our new Headteacher, and we received several applicants unfortunately we haven't found the right person for the job yet. We will be advertising again in January ready for appointment in September and we are delighted to confirm that Mr Cresswell has agreed to stay for the rest of this academic year.

Ofsted visit

Ofsted has been to visit Parker's School as a follow-up to the inspection in July, the inspector came to review safeguarding and Parker's School is now deemed to be effective in this area, which is great news. The letter that followed this monitoring visit is now available on the Ofsted website.

Governance

Since July, the Local Authority has completed a review of the Governance arrangements of the school. We are delighted to say that your current Governing Board will be continuing in place and we will be recruiting a parent governor for Parker's in the new year to join us.

Academisation

As you may be aware Parker's is required to academise due to the Ofsted outcome in July. At the last full governing body meeting the Governors made the decision that we would like both schools to academise together, this will start a process, in the new year, of consultation for Caston. Further information will be sent to you in the new year as well as a date for an opportunity to meet and discuss what this means.

Please feel free to contact me, if you have any questions:

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Merry Christmas,

Helen Adshead
Chair of Governors