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Growth and Excellence, Every Day

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Dear Parents and Families,

I hope that you and your families are well.

I am writing to you, as the first term draws to a close, with reflections on where we are as a school – strengths and next steps.

The autumn term is notorious in the teaching profession for being uncertain: settling pupils into their new class in early September, meeting and greeting new families and finding innovative ways to solve problems that arise, especially in the current financial climate.

However, I have renewed hope and optimism that come the new year, 2024 will be even better than this calendar year.

Since joining Cherry Tree, I have been astounded with the talent of our children. Often, when days become tricky, I reflect on our Cherry Tree children who always go above and beyond to make our school and local community great. From donating to the St Giles local foodbank, supporting charities like Children in Need or leading a Christmas carol service at Willow Park residential home. The optimism and vigour of youth never fails to amaze!

Our children at Cherry Tree are unique. They want to achieve, inspire and become active citizens.

My priority and that of the Cherry Tree staff team, is to ensure that all of our children have every opportunity to succeed. As you will probably agree, life does throw up huge challenges – this is no different for our children. But, my team and I are committed to making sure that every child is given the firm foundations to succeed.

Cherry Tree Academy is proud to be an active participant of Waterton Academy Trust. Recently, the Trust have released their Annual Report to Stakeholders 2022-2023

(<https://cherrytreeacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2023/12/Waterton-Annual-Report-for-Stakeholders.pdf>) Their support, dedication and unwavering stance that 'success is a shared experience' expresses our collaborative desire and commitment to strive to excellence – our children deserve this!

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To sum up, we have faced many, and at times, unique challenges this calendar year. However, we are resolute that come 2024, we will return to Cherry Tree with even more determination to succeed – where our children Grow and Excel Every Day.

I wish you, your family and loved ones a peaceful Christmas.

Thank you, as always for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Adam Dawson
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