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Dear Families,

As we near the end of the academic year, I wanted to write to you all to thank you for your continued support of the academy this year.

This has been another year of great achievements across all 5 of our primary academies. I am sure that you will agree that it has been an absolute pleasure to visit the academies on the many occasions where we have celebrated the many talents of our children.

The national assessment results from across all of our primary academies have been extremely pleasing. Our end of Key Stage 2 results are a record set of outcomes in every single academy. Standards remain high and progress is strong. In all other Key Stages our high standards from last year have been maintained and our academies perform above the national average in almost all indicators. I would like to thank everyone who has supported our children throughout the year.

These results are a team effort and everyone – children; families; staff and governors – should be extremely proud of these achievements.

I would like to wish our Year 6 children a fond farewell. It has been great to work with every one of them this year. They have achieved amazing things and I am sure that they will enjoy their time at high school.

It has been a pleasure to see how the five primary academies have worked together this year and how the staff and children have benefitted from working within a family of schools. I am pleased to announce that a new primary academy will join us in the autumn term next year. Outwood Primary Academy Greystone, as it will be known, is located in Ripon and many of the children there already go to our secondary school when they move into Year 7. I am sure that we will continue to go from strength to strength together next year.

In terms of next year, you will have received information about the new academic year from your Academy Principal. Principals are in a position to confirm the holiday dates along with many of the planned INSET Days. Could I please ask that when planning your holidays, you take note of these. As is the national policy and our own policy – all holidays in term time will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Holidays in term time may result in a fixed penalty notice.

Could I also take this opportunity to remind families that it is the Trust policy that jewellery should not be worn by children in school. This includes the wearing of earrings. If you are hoping to have your child's ears pierced, then the summer holiday is a good time for this as it allows a long period of time for the healing to take place. If there any medical reasons that you need to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact your Academy Principal.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. I hope that you and your family have a fantastic summer break – and I hope the weather treats us kindly!

Yours sincerely,



Mr L Wilson
Chief Executive Principal, Primary