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Annual letter on behalf of Governors

To the community of Micklem Primary School,

I am writing this having just come back from the KS2 production of "Pirates of the Curry Bean", which I have to say was fantastic. Over this term I have especially enjoyed being able to come back into the school for what I once took for granted. This included the Music Soiree and sports day. For me, this year has also had special significance as it is the last year that I will be a parent at Micklem. Although change is inevitable in life, it still leaves some sadness that I will no longer attend these events as a parent, yet I look back and am so grateful for all the opportunities my children have had throughout their school life at Micklem over the past 10 years.

It is this holistic education that our children enjoy, that is the legacy of Miss Ormonde. A desire to utilise learning in all manner of environments, from after school provision to trips to outdoor learning. Looking at each child as an individual and giving opportunities for them to grow. In the play I have just seen, I was amazed at how much the children have grown in confidence.

Now school is not all about the extras and I am really proud of the work that all pupils, teachers, and staff have put into the curriculum. Having had 2 years away from testing, there was some apprehension of how this had affected the curriculum, yet our results this year were ones to be proud of. The school is progressing and continues to do so, and this is because of the efforts of the whole school community. So, I give thanks to you all, whether pupil, teacher, staff, parents, PTA, and the governors for the efforts you all put in.

This year could be summed up with the word "Change". Earlier this year we appointed four new governors, which has strengthened the school and they have got on with the behind-the-scenes work, so the governors changed. There are changes coming to the PTA as current year 6 parents move on, and I give thanks for all the work they have done in getting things back up and running in the past year. In September, Mr Swift will become the Headteacher, and we wish him all the best and I am sure we will all want to give him all the support he needs as he leads us into the future.

To those who are moving on: Year 6, I hope your time at Micklem is one you will always look back at with immense joy and I also hope you take what you have learnt at Micklem and build on it in your secondary schools. To the staff who are heading off to pastures new, thank you for all your work, time, and effort and continuing to develop and nurture, we look forward to hearing from you and of your new adventures.

I give special mention to Mrs Rawson and give thanks for all the work she has done as part of the SLT and leading Early Years over the past 6 years.



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There is one other person moving on and that is Miss Ormonde. In October 2012, I was looking at schools for my eldest son as we were moving from London to Hemel. This is when I first met Miss Ormonde, who had just become Head Teacher. On that day I came away knowing that the school had not had a great Ofsted, but I had confidence in Miss Ormonde about the direction of travel the school was going in. She has consistently built the school up into the good school it is today. When my son was offered a place at Micklem, I was extremely happy, and I have never regretted my sons coming to this school.

There are many teachers and staff I also thank along the journey but always steering the ship has been Miss Ormonde, and I know we will miss her but also are so thankful for the legacy she is leaving, including a 3rd Deputy Head that has become a Head Teacher. Her new school will benefit greatly from all her knowledge, experience, and passion for developing all those in her new community. I again just want to say thank you for everything and I am sure we all wish her all the best in the future and hope we see her on occasions when she comes to visit.

Finally, if this was not enough change, this will be my last annual Letter as Chair of Governors, although I will still be a governor, I am stepping down as Chair in October. Thank you all for allowing me the privilege of being part of the community and work that goes on at Micklem.

Otherwise, I hope you all have a good summer holiday.

Best Regards to you all

Pete Fuggle

Chair of Governors

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