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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to share with you that during our recent OFSTED inspection in December 2024, we were judged to be 'OUTSTANDING' in all areas. It is a fantastic and rare achievement for any school to be graded as 'OUTSTANDING' in all categories and is a testament to the hard work and dedication that staff at Aldryngton put in on a daily basis. As previously communicated the school receives the lowest amount of funding on a per pupil basis in the country and to achieve this outcome is remarkable. Like any successful outcome, working collaboratively as a community is key and I would like to acknowledge and thank groups of people for contributing to this amazing achievement.

It was great to see children at Aldryngton acknowledged for their excellent behaviour, impeccable manners and acting with thoughtfulness. Their achievements are rightfully recognised and it was also pleasing to see that the inspectors saw the children celebrate the achievements of others also. The children at Aldryngton are a pleasure to teach and their dedication to their studies and take-up of extra-curricular opportunities is also to be commended.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the parent community for their ongoing support and in particular members of the PTA. Funds raised by the PTA have been vital in ensuring that we have enough budget to fund items for our curriculum offer. The 'rich offer of different stories and books' is down to the PTA funding for books as was the initial purchase of our Read, Write, Inc phonics scheme several years ago. We have been able to move forward quicker with projects that we would otherwise had to put on hold due to budgetary issues.

The governing body is also rightfully recognised for their work in the report. I would like to thank them for both their levels of support and challenge during my time at the school. Governors are volunteers and they bring great levels of commitment and dedication to the role.

It is worthy of reiterating my thanks to all of the staff that work at the school. I have the pleasure of working with an exceptional team on a daily basis. A team that is knowledgeable, caring and thoughtful with a dedication to supporting the children in becoming well-rounded and well-informed British citizens.

With such a positive report, the question is what comes next? We believe in continuous improvement and will continue to work collaboratively and learn from emerging practice and research. Outstanding does not mean perfect and we will not always get everything right straight away. We continue with our School Development Plan, however we do so with validation from OFSTED that they agree with our assessment of the school and subsequent actions taken to achieve being graded as 'OUTSTANDING' in all areas.

Yours Sincerely,

Mark Wieder
Headteacher



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