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Building Each Other Up in Love and Learning

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As this year draws to a close, I would like to take a moment to thank our dedicated and passionate St Stephen's Staff. Their tireless dedication and unwavering commitment to the well-being and education of every child is reflected in the exceptional SIAMS report and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated team.

We are very proud children and staff and of the feedback we received during the SIAMS inspection. In the feedback session with the inspector, she was incredibly complimentary about your children, their behaviour, thoughtfulness, and their place in the world as global citizens who can be upstanders who can make positive change particularly stood out. An extract from the report is below:

*"Being part of St Stephen's caring and loving school community is transformational. The lives of pupils and adults are enriched because of leaders' unswerving determination to 'build each other up in love and learning'. Every child's talent is discovered and fostered through the many rich opportunities provided by the school."*

If you have yet to read the full report, and have a chance over Christmas, it can be found here: [https://www.st-stephens.richmond.sch.uk/serve\\_file/21825603](https://www.st-stephens.richmond.sch.uk/serve_file/21825603).

I also want to thank you once again for your ongoing support. As I reflect on the successes and challenges of this term, it's evident that the partnership between parents & carers and St Stephen's is a key factor in creating an environment that enables the children to thrive.

Your contribution through volunteering your time, sending supportive messages to the staff, helping the invaluable work that FOSS does, supporting various school events or donating your money has enhanced the school community and allowed us to provide the "many rich opportunities" acknowledged in the SIAMS report.

As we look forward to 2024, we know that more challenging times are coming, particularly from a financial perspective, and we are grateful for your support as we rise to the challenge to vigorously protect our children's diverse and inclusive curriculum.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I wish you and those you care about a happy, peaceful and healthy Christmas and New Year!

Best Wishes,

Alice Bishop  
Chair of Governors.

If you have not already committed to donating to the St Stephen's School Trust, and are able to do so, please do consider doing so now via:

<https://www.paypal.com/GB/fundraiser/charity/3138736> or <https://app.goodhub.com/st-stephens-school-trust>