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To our #teamabbey families,

What an amazing year it has been and I want to thank you for your continued support and share with you some of the highlights that we have had over the past year together.

Awards and recognitions

We continue to be recognised for the hard work, dedication and commitment that our school community shows to our practice and for the opportunities we offer our pupils. This is a great way to test Our Mission, Vision and Values; and we have been awarded the following this year:

YST Award for Outstanding Inclusive Practice: For the work our Pupils Sports Leaders have undertaken at Fountaindale school making our pupils visible and valued members of their community.

Artsmark Silver Award – Recognising the work we do with your children as part of our Arts curriculum, after school provision and work within and beyond our community

The Mental Health Gold Award: Recognising the emphasis we put on and into pupil and staff wellbeing every day and how this is at the heart of everything we do

Reaccredited for Parents Charter Gold Award: For the opportunities and work we undertake with families and pupils to make them feel welcome and cared for, work in coproduction, communicate and value and include

Recognition for our Pastoral Care: For the work our wellbeing team undertake to ensure that pupils have the best possible pastoral support.

The Careers Mark Award: Recognising not only the outcomes our pupils gained, but for the career s curriculum and opportunities we give our pupils

YST Platinum Award: Recognising our practice for Physical education and inclusion opportunities we give pupils

Healthy Schools Gold Award Rededication: For the work we do to encourage healthy lifestyles and wellbeing in our pupils

International School Award: For the work that pupils have undertaken on joint projects with a shared ethos linking up with other schools internationally.

An advocate School for Picture News: Promoting the opportunities we give our pupils to learn about, equality and diversity, Fundamental British values and protected characteristics

#teamabbey Personal Highlights

It has been our absolute privilege this year to see how your children have grown both personally and academically, here are some of the things that stick out in our minds

The Colour Dash and Kings Coronation Picnic: This was a great moment in history for our pupils and the love and care they showed each other as well as the teamwork, enjoyment and laughter they had was beautiful. We also raised over £2000 in sponsor money ... Thank you.

Year 11 and Post 16 Leavers: The way that our pupils have not only approached their examinations and accreditations, but the way they have been role models to others has been nothing but inspirational

Families in classrooms: We have welcomed a record number of families into classrooms this year. The sense of community and shared aspirations for pupils has been quite overwhelming we want to thank you.





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Experiences for our pupils: Our pupils have had many trips and experiences in school this year that have enriched and developed their learning in the curriculum

Hosting YST events: We have never been prouder of pupils when they host events for not only their special school but mainstream peers. Seeing them flourish and be as proud of the school as we are

What you said and what we did:

You asked for more opportunities to visit the school and be part of the school community we increased the opportunities for families to come into school with more visits into school, more parents group opportunities and more

You asked for key dates to be clearer and if they could be given further in advance and we have redesigned our Newsletters and offered more communication opportunities. The new "Little Book of #teamabbey Key dates" has been created for the whole of the next academic year to allow you to plan further in advance.

You asked for a clearer more user-friendly overview of your child's curriculum and we have completely redesigned our website sections for curriculum, Personal Development and class pages to help you further understand the curriculum your child is following.

You asked for a continuation of the two-week transition and we fully agree with you this year has been our most successful transition yet with a whole host of events thrown in including inflatable assault courses and games, Sports Day, Summer Fair and House Events to help pupils build relationships and settle into their class teams

We Say goodbye to the following people:

- Gail Woodcock
- Debbie Pearson
- Jonathan Grafton
- Rosanna Hall
- Sarah Robinson
- Peter Hurley

I know you will join us in wishing them the very best in their next adventures and thank them for their love, care and attention that they have given to our pupils over the years. They will always be forever part of #teamabbey

Finally, I want to reiterate how much your support as meant to us this year and as this year ends and we break up for the summer please take this time to spend quality time with each other and create those Memory Jar Moments. As a final thank you to you and your family the everyone at #teamabbey will be excited to share with you the "End of Year Show, Show" in true #TeamAbbey tradition this will be released on our twitter account on Friday evening @Abbey Learning with Abbey Performs Abba.

Until September 5th 2023

Warmest regards

Mr Askham and everyone at #teamabbey



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