



December 2018 Message from the Chair of the Interim Academy Board (IAB)



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I am delighted to share with you that our final IAB meeting for the year in December was our most positive ever with all the reports showing positive progress and with effective systems in place. The Trust (CAST) have confirmed that they share our confidence that the school has turned a corner.

The spring term 2019 will focus on the new curriculum that is being shaped up for the school and how we can make this as creative and exciting for your children to help them learn successfully across the breadth of all the subjects. During next term when all the paper work has been finalised and approved, you will be receiving details about the school's curriculum and what it aims to achieve – our **Curriculum Intentions** and the **Curriculum Offer** to your children.

We have had some interest in the governor positions which have been advertised but would welcome even more. Some parents have asked about the role but have not picked up an application pack or taken it further and we urge you to do so if it's of interest to you.

It was good to see many of you over the school Christmas events and I hope you enjoyed the Wiggly Nativity and Carol Concert. Part of what we want for your children at this school is that they have a rich and broad set of learning experiences across all the subjects - not just English and Maths. The preparation for the Christmas productions provide opportunities for RE, music, drama, dance, creativity, art and developing self-confidence through performing and public speaking.

On behalf of the members of the IAB may I wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas.

Whenever you can over the holiday season please help to keep the learning alive with the children – there are many opportunities through the preparation of meals, through the shopping, through the present wrapping and the Christmas activities to emphasise the speaking, listening, spelling, writing, playing, drawing and performing skills we all want to help them develop – and if you are travelling anywhere - lots of history and geography and language skills too!

Thank you for your continuing support for St Margaret Clitherow and its journey to becoming an outstanding school.

Judith