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Dear Parents and Carers,

As our Autumn term draws to a close, I'm writing with a brief festive update from the Governing Body.

We've had another great term at Abbots Ripton and it's wonderful to see how well our new children have settled in – a rather belated welcome to you all and your families!

The school continues to go from strength to strength and we have continued to receive extremely positive feedback from our Local Authority Educational Advisor and her colleagues. The staff team have been taking a very active role in working alongside other local schools, and it's a real complement to everyone that the Local Authority continues to ask other schools to visit to learn from our very talented staff.

We are due to be inspected by Ofsted at some point from the Summer term this year and expect to receive a very positive judgement. A key aspect of this inspection will involve gathering views from parents and carers. Many of you will be aware of 'Parent View', a section of the Ofsted website where you can leave your feedback and views on a range of aspects of school life. 'Parent View' can be accessed at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>; please do leave your views at any time.

We are really pleased with the continued increase in the numbers of children at our school. An increasing school roll brings with it an increase in financial security, and whilst the school funding landscape continues to be tough, as governors we have decided to pause our discussions regarding the potential for shared leadership under a number of different models, including federation with a local school.

We are very grateful for the amazing work of the STARS team, and we would like to thank you all for supporting the school by attending events and giving so generously. The school building and school grounds look fantastic, and there are a number of parents in particular who have worked incredibly hard in and around some of our classrooms – thank you so much!

I wish you all and your families a very Happy Christmas and a great New Year, and I'm really looking forward to an exciting 2018.

Very best wishes,

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Dr Robin Price
Chair of Governors



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