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**For the attention of Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Parish Council**

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Re: Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Thank you for your kind invitation to contribute to this meeting. We hope to be represented by Andrea Goodfellow, a senior teacher and local resident.

Mattishall Primary School has had an extremely positive year to date, after what seemed to be two very challenging years. We have become part of Synergy Multi Academy Trust, along with several other schools in the Reepham area, who all have a similar working ethos. These working partnerships are proving beneficial in many ways.

Our numbers on roll currently stand at 206 children, which is very close to our 210 capacity. We do have concerns about how we may cope in the near future, with the event of many new houses being built. Although we have the land, we do not have the funds to build more classrooms and the cost of this will fall to the academy. It will be interesting to see what happens.

All of our children have taken part in various educational visits and sporting events. All of our junior children have had the opportunity to take part in residential visits. We have had many visitors into school, who have all commented on how lovely our children are. We have held several fundraising events, including fairs, cake sales and quiz nights for various charities and to help fund the refurbishment of our library bus.

You may have seen in the press that we planted lots of willow trees and they were all damaged or stolen. This was very sad for our children but the positive response from the community was overwhelming, meaning that we have now been able to replace the trees and many more besides, along with some hazel trees.

This year we intend to continue to develop our outdoor learning environment, with the introduction of sensory garden, pizza oven, play equipment, a library bus and a dedicated area to remember the fallen from WW1, with it being the centenary year.

Yours Faithfully

Mr Chapman (Headteacher)