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Dear Cassandra,

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Thank you for sending me a copy of your recent Ofsted report.

And **wow!** What a report. It made for the most joyful of reading. On behalf of everyone at the Diocese's Education Department and its Board of Education, let me offer my warmest and sincerest congratulations to you and all your 'Team Thurton' on reaching the pinnacle of success and being rated as **Outstanding** by Ofsted.

I can imagine how much this will have meant to you and your colleagues. I know it's what you'd sensed for some time and what had been suggested by many of the visitors to Thurton Primary. How good it must be to finally have it acknowledged officially.

The school has come a full circle and what it has achieved is stunning. It has been transformed. It's not that many years since it was lingering in the doldrums of the former 'Serious Weaknesses'. I can remember. Then, thanks first to Sonia and, now, to you, it got a grip of itself – and has never looked back since. Clearly, your own contribution to that has been immense and pivotal. Your astounding leadership has made the difference; aided by your legendary enthusiasm, vitality, passion and unique aplomb.

We at the Diocese have always been proud of Thurton Primary and so very thankful that it's a church school; amongst the most faithful and best. Now we have even more reason for that pride, joy and privilege. Thank you, many times over, and well done to you all.

Warmly, as ever -

Yours,
Andy

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