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Dear Sandra

### **VISIT TO ST SCHOLASTICA'S SCHOOL: 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

Thank you for a delightful visit to St Scholastica's School last Thursday.

I felt most welcome from the moment I arrived! The bright entrance is very appealing; and the atmosphere very friendly. It was good to sit down with you at the start of the whole visit to hear how well the School is doing.

I was impressed by the children's attentiveness during Assembly. They were a pleasure to read to and pray with. Indeed, I found the children's readiness to pray in every class that we visited very striking: it felt as if we could have carried on praying a lot longer!

I was very grateful to you for making the time for us to tour the whole School together. I was very taken by the artwork we passed on every corridor; the light and tidiness of all spaces; the warmth of everyone we met, both pupils and staff. You have created a delightful environment, both human and physical.

The visit to every single class was a success, wasn't it? The teachers had clearly used the time since my reading of the story to go over some key facts with the children. Then the children's readiness to engage with every single

question I put to them, ranging from *The Man who Planted Trees* to the universe to Jesus's life, spoke volumes of their enthusiasm for R.E.

That impression was amplified by the time spent the Pupil Chaplains. I wished we could have had more time together: perhaps I need to come back and see them! One could sense their enthusiasm for the Church and their faith. I'm sure it must be very encouraging for them that the Staff recognise this by appointing them to this specific role.

Please do thank your Staff for making me so welcome in each of their classrooms. I felt the atmosphere created in every classroom was palpably gentle.

In short, Sandra, I want to congratulate you on your leadership! Thank you, on behalf of the Diocese, for all you have given of yourself these last three years, and particularly during the health crisis, to lead such a happy community.

I hope I shall have the opportunity to get to know St Scholastica's School better.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and all the School

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely



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