



14th September 2017

Dear Parents,

As you are aware the school was inspected by Ofsted during the final week of the Summer term. Their full report is now available on the school website for you to read and will be uploaded onto the Ofsted website on Monday 18th September. Thank you to all parents who made positive and supportive comments during the inspection.

The overall judgement of the inspection was 'Requires Improvement'. The school leaders and governors accept this judgement and have a clear understanding of the work that must be done to ensure the issues raised are addressed rapidly and effectively. Much of this work began last academic year, following low results in writing in 2016. 2017 showed improvements, but more needs to be done. The school will be supported in this further work by Devon County Council. Expert advice will provide clarity in planning actions to improve writing further; as well as ensuring the school makes the most effective use of the 'pupil premium' funding, provided by the government, to ensure pupils eligible achieve in line with their peers.

The report also contains many positive comments about the school, of which we are proud. These include:

- Good pupil behaviour and conduct, pupils enjoy their learning and are proud of their school. Pupils said they felt happy and safe in school, infrequent bullying is dealt with swiftly and attentively by staff. Classrooms were calm and purposeful places to learn.
- Good early years provision (Nursery & Reception) with strong leadership and children supported by skilled teachers and teaching assistants. Children are well looked after and were 'lively and engaged' and 'buzzing' around the rich curriculum and well-designed activities. Children work harmoniously with each other and adults model good manners.
- Good teaching and learning in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2). Reading was considered to be well taught, which is supported by improving results in the phonics tests. Teachers have a sharp focus on ensuring the pupils are challenged to achieve their best.



- Good teaching of mathematics across the school.
- Good physical education and sports provision.
- Good pupil understanding of faiths and cultures, pupils are well prepared for life in modern Britain. Pupils respect each other.
- Good progress was seen in art, PSHE, RE and PE. High quality art permeates the school.
- High level of care for pupils with medical or educational needs.
- Positive and supportive comments from parents.
- Effective and thorough safeguarding arrangements are in place.

Please bear in mind that the improved 2017 Y6 results could not be considered as part of this inspection, as they were not published at the time. If you have any comments or questions about this report please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the senior leadership team.

Yours sincerely,

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