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Dear Parent/Carer

We have just received our Ofsted Report following our Inspection in February 2017.

Please find attached a copy for you to read.

We are delighted that the strengths of our Reception Classes have been noted. The inspectors were extremely complementary about the fact that our school provides:

“a fun, engaging and interactive early years curriculum that appeals to the children’s interests.”

The inspectors also noted that the children make good progress and are well prepared for Year 1. The proportion of children reaching a good level of development in 2015 and 2016 was above the national average.

The inspectors also noted that the school is well organised and the pupils look after the school environment well. The report is extremely complementary about the behaviour and attitudes of our children.

“The behaviour of pupils is good. They show care and consideration to each other, to their teachers and to visitors in the school.” “Pupils at the school are typically polite and respectful.”

As always, we are extremely proud of our children and the positive impact they have on our school community.

“They know the importance of helping each other and being involved in the life of the school. Pupils eagerly shared their positive views about the school with inspectors.”

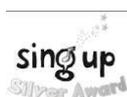
Our pupils make good progress in Writing and this was noted by the inspectors.

“Work in pupils’ books and work displayed around the school show that they make good progress in writing. Pupils have a good standard of presentation.”

Pupils within Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) make good progress. The inspectors noted that:

“Pupils’ workbooks show that they make good progress throughout Key Stage 1 in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.”

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We are delighted that our strength in the teaching of Phonics has been recognised by the inspection team.

"In Key Stage 1, pupils are taught phonics skills well."

As a school we have noted the inspectors' comments about the frequency of monitoring undertaken by leaders. We have immediately put into place a new monitoring timetable to ensure that this point is quickly and effectively addressed.

The report states that our KS2 children make good progress in Writing and that we need to ensure that progress is equally rapid in Reading and Mathematics. We have noted the Inspectors' comments and have ensured that the highly effective strategies used to do well in Writing, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling are now applied equally to Reading and Mathematics in KS2. There is, and always has been, a clear focus on the progress made by individual children. All teachers know exactly where each child is in terms of their progress and achievements. We will continue to work closely with parents and carers to achieve the very best for each child at our school.

As a school we are congratulated on our broad and balanced curriculum. The report points out that our ethos is positive and that we very much value 'peace, love and kindness'; our children show respect and care for each other.

However, the inspectors felt that our children need to know more about 'British Values' such as democracy. We are working hard to ensure that this is quickly rectified. I am aiming to send out further information to parents about the Government's strategy for teaching about British Values.

As a staff we are sensible enough to listen to what the inspectors have said and to quickly work as a committed and professional team to address any identified areas. Because of the length of time it has taken for Ofsted to publish the report, we have already completed the majority of the recommendations that the inspectors made.

Thank you all for the lovely comments you have made about the school. We all care deeply about the children and we will continue to work hard to achieve the very best for them. As a school we care passionately about providing opportunities for each child to develop a love of learning and a care and respect for each other. This is at the heart of our school.

Yours sincerely

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