

Dear Parents/Carers

As you know our school was inspected by Ofsted on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th September and now that the final report has been published we are in a position to be able to write to you about its findings.

Our Ofsted inspection was a very positive one and we were graded as a very strong 'Good' or '2' in Ofsted speak. The Inspector found that our standards in all subjects were above average and noted as particular strengths the Maths, PE, Art and Topic work. He also recognised that our children with Special Educational Needs were well supported and that all children had made good or better than good progress by the time they left the school.

I would like to thank the parents who responded to the online survey. 95% of you 'strongly agreed' that your children were taught well and 100% said that you would recommend our school to others! The comments were also extremely positive: "A truly wonderful and unique school" and "I don't believe my children could have had a better start in life" being quoted by the Inspector in his report. He went on to describe the school's partnership with parents as being "outstanding".

I would also like to congratulate your children for the way they conducted themselves throughout the inspection. We are always very proud of our pupils and it was fantastic to see them impress the Inspector with the pride they were taking in their work and the manner in which they supported each other.

In writing his report our Inspector identified the expertise of the staff and governors, as well as their knowledge of the school and caring attitudes. We acknowledge that there are areas for improvement, as in any school, and will be taking all the necessary steps as identified in the report to continue to offer an improving service to children and parents. In particular:

- The issue the inspector identified around checking pupils understanding is one that can be relatively easily addressed by ensuring that pupils who do not have their hands up are consulted more frequently
- The issue of the small class sizes in years 1 and 2 seemed to us to be somewhat exaggerated and was largely, in our opinion, due to a lack of available data this early in the term; however we will of course ensure that pupils are even more fully stretched in these years in the future

The full report can be viewed on our school website at <http://www.hunsdon.herts.sch.uk/> . If you would like a printed copy please ask at the school office.

Finally, we should thank our teaching and support staff for their commitment as always and offer them our congratulations for such a positive result.

With best wishes

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Millward, Headteacher

Robin Osterley, Chair of Governors

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