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Dear Parent/Carer,

Ofsted Report November 21st 2017

I am pleased to have received a copy of the school's Ofsted inspection report, which took place a couple of weeks ago. A copy has been emailed to you and is available to view on the website. Thank you for your many supportive comments both directly to the staff team and via the Parent View website. The inspector was equally impressed with your children and the many conversations she held with them during the day. As you can see from the report, there are many things to celebrate and the areas for development had already been identified in both our School Improvement Plan for this year, and via the feedback that you gave to Mr. Tibble and myself during the parent meetings in Autumn 1. Reading will be a key priority for us this year and we aim to hold many events and workshops for families over the coming year, as well as looking to improve our stock of books in both the KS1 and KS2 libraries. As the report also indicates, the children have made an excellent start to the academic year, and we aim to continue to work to further improve the support each pupil receives to be "The best they can be." In the Spring term we will begin to work more closely with the children on developing their own attitudes to learning across the whole curriculum, encouraging them to be even more determined and resilient in all that they do. More to come on this soon!

Refurbishment of EYFS and KS1

We are excited to announce that the long awaited refurbishment of this part of school will commence on the 18th December (Ofsted was very timely for us!). The work involves erecting walls and doors between the Year 2, 1 and Reception classes, which will make the space much more self-contained and less noisy. There will, of course, be some disruption, as we will need to move Y1 and Y2 children into other parts of the school whilst the work is being carried out. We aim to use the hall, the ICT Room, the Community Room and the KS2 Library during this time. The first wall to be erected will be the one that links Y2 to the main corridor, in order to minimise issues for the rest of the school. The builders will be working over Christmas to get as much done as possible whilst the pupils are not in school, but the work will not be completed by the time pupils return after the break. There will also be a fence erected in the front playground, in order to keep pupils safe and to give the builders a separate access into school. This will prevent parents and children from using the side exits to collect and drop off children.

Please can we ask all Nursery and Reception parents to use the entrance to the nursery area in the carpark during this time (staff will be in attendance). For reasons of safety, vehicular access will be restricted between 8.15am – 9.15am and between 3.15pm and 4.00pm.

Y1 children will be need to be brought into the Community Room via the main playground in the mornings. The Y1 children will exit through the front door with the Y2 pupils at the end of the day.

We will, of course, keep you informed throughout the build if there are any changes, and are hoping to have all work completed by the end of January. The use of additional spaces in school will also have an impact on the rest of the school, as PE/ICT sessions may have to be moved, but it will all be worth it in the end so please bear with us for this short period of disruption.

Please let us know if you have any questions and comments about any of the above. Thank you for your continued support and the staff and I are very excited to see what 2018 brings.

Corinne Thornton
Headteacher

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