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Governing Body Annual Report to Parents

Dear Parents and Carers,

To look back on this academic year and not start with mentioning the Outstanding Ofsted Inspection would feel wrong, so let's start with that. We were visited by Ofsted in December and they judged us to be, as we expected, Outstanding. This is not just a one off result; this has come about due to the exceptionally hard work, commitment and dedication of everyone working in the school under the guidance of our headteacher, Mrs Williamson. As a governing body, and I'm sure you all share this thought, we were thrilled and delighted to be recognised by this, but that's not all we've done. As the Ofsted referred, it is not just academia that is judged, the behaviour and Christian values demonstrated throughout the school from the youngest in Reception through to everyone working in and around the school is wonderful to see. To hear please and thank you and to witness kindness at playtimes, lunchtimes and in classes is an incredible thing to behold; especially if we are to believe everything we read in the press or hear on the news about children today. This well disciplined and positive approach has also been reflected in our sporting activities where we've seen children of all abilities taking part in numerous events externally to the school and, more often than not, winning. We're getting seriously concerned as to where we're going to put our trophy cabinet as the collection keeps on growing and for this we have to recognise the amazing work that has been done by the staff, and in particular Mrs Umpleby, in bringing forward the talents of these young people.

Disappointingly this year we had to wave goodbye to the climbing frame and play equipment as the ravages of time has left it in a state that was neither safe nor viable to repair. I can assure you that we are exploring all avenues to secure the funding to replace this as quickly as possible. I hope in my update at the end of next summer that I will be able to make reference to our new equipment.

I personally always enjoy the end of year performance and this year, I believe we scaled new heights with the whole of Key Stage 2 being involved and their performance of the Lion King was simply amazing. The enthusiasm, preparation and enjoyment from everyone taking part was apparent to everyone who saw it. This couldn't have been achieved without the extra time and effort put in by Mrs Parker and her team.

We were delighted to see the return to us of Mrs Young after her maternity leave, looking much smaller but a lot more tired than when we last saw her and as if it wasn't enough returning to work, we've moved Yellow Class next door to her and now have pre-school in the school as well.



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I'm sure you will have all seen our Year 6 results on our website, but to reiterate they were fantastic. We excelled in all areas with all results significantly ahead of national averages. Obviously Mrs Parker deserves a massive thank you and well done for such a superb performance but let's not forget these results would not have been possible if we didn't have such fantastic teaching all the way through the school right from Reception upwards.

Because we've had such a successful year, it would be very easy to assume that everything is fine and we can therefore take things a little easier. I can assure you that the Headteacher; Governing Body and teaching staff are 100% committed to not accepting complacency and when we start back in September we will be prioritising the development of Early Years to achieve Outstanding and solidifying the outstanding status across the rest of the school. Part of this will be reflected in a SIAMS inspection (Church school inspection), which we expect to take place during the next academic year.

To conclude, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everybody who's been involved in supporting the school over this past year: parents, friends, governors, teachers, teaching assistants, administrators cooks, midday supervisory assistants but most of all the wonderful children who make every single day special and unique. I look forward to seeing you all around school in the new term.

Very best wishes for a wonderful summer,

Mr Ian Juden,
Chair of Governors



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