

OFSTED INSPECTION 14th /15th October 2015

Dear Parents

We are delighted to inform you of the positive outcome of our recent OFSTED inspection.

We have now received the final report, which we attach to this letter. We appreciate it has been a while since the inspection the forthcoming announcement and we really appreciate your patience during this time.

The report will be published on the OFSTED website early next week. However we are allowed to distribute it to families in advance. This inspection was carried out under the new, more stringent and aspirational OFSTED Framework for inspections that has been in place since September 2015. Under this rigorous framework 'Good' schools receive a one day monitoring inspection. If the inspector feels that the previous judgement could be changed in any way they then instigate a full inspection to gather further information. As you are aware, we did have an additional inspection day. We are really pleased to inform you that we have maintained our grade of 'Good' under this new more stringent framework. Please be assured that being rated as 'Good' does imply that the school has stood still, in fact to be rated as Good under this the new criteria is an immense achievement. The lead inspector also commented informally that we were a very strong 'Good' and on the cusp of outstanding and provided us with information to support our continued desire to achieve this in our next inspection.

As you will see key highlights from the report noted by the inspector include:

Leadership: 'The drive, passion and high aspirations of the headteacher are integral to the continuing success of this school. She is ably supported by the deputy headteacher and other senior leaders who share her vision for the school to become outstanding'.

Curriculum: 'has been carefully designed to ensure that it excites and motivates pupils' and that lessons, 'planned by teachers result in pupils producing high quality work, especially in their writing.'

Assessment/monitoring: 'Teachers' assessment of what pupils can and cannot do is accurate and effective. As a result, pupils across the school are making good progress in reading, writing and mathematics and some are making outstanding progress, for example in their reading'.

Pupil integration & welfare: Our transition and induction procedures when the children start Foundation Stage were highlighted as strength of the school and the report states:

'The transition arrangements from pre-school to the Reception classes are of a high quality. As a result, children settle quickly into school life, grow in confidence and make good progress in developing the skills they need to become good learners.'

The inspector also paid tribute to the overwhelming affection that the staff, pupils, and parents have for BHIS. The Inspectors had never seen such an overwhelmingly positive response to their parent questionnaire, and commented,

'The overwhelming majority of parents are delighted with the school and are pleased with the education and care their children receive'.

We greatly value the contribution you have made as parents to the success of the school and this inspection and we thank you for it. We are sure you will continue to bring the same enthusiasm and support, as together we continue to build on our strengths and very strong Good OFSTED judgement and work towards outstanding.

The governing body would like to thank all the staff at BHIS for the amazing effort that the staff has put in since the school was last inspected and in preparation for this inspection.

Kind regards



Tina Long
Headteacher



Colin Cooper
Chair of Governors