



"All Learning Together"

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back after the Summer holidays. We have had a very smooth start to the year and it has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our new families who have started with us this year. I am also delighted to be able to share with you the letter from the Inspector, Robert Jones, who carried out our school OFSTED Inspection in the last week of the academic year.

As we were a "Good" school, we were inspected under the one day Section 8 Framework. This meant that Mr Jones was first and foremost coming in to check that we were still a "Good" school. As you will read from the letter, Mr Jones agreed that we were most definitely still a "Good" school. As it was a Section 8 Inspection, the "report" comes in the format of a letter to the Headteacher as opposed to a full report, outlining whether or not the School maintains its "Good" rating. At our last inspection in September 2015, we were moved from "Requires Improvement" to "Good". The inspection this time, I think you will agree, tells of our school which has made strong progress and now has a securely "Good" rating that we are all proud of. Schools are required to self-evaluate our performance in a School Evaluation document. Within this, I have judged us as "Outstanding" for Behaviour and Welfare and whilst a Section 8 inspection cannot change the overall grade, I believe the wording in Robert Jones' letter reflects the outstanding self-evaluation judgement for this area. Another positive of the inspection was that the actions that have been identified were all ones that the school was already working hard to consolidate. Rigorous monitoring and accurate self-assessment over the past few years has meant there were no surprises. As you all know, our curriculum is being updated and this will most certainly promote History and Geography within the curriculum. Maths outcomes are improving and this can be clearly identified in that this year, 90% of our Year 6 children reached the expected standard or higher in Maths. This is compared with 79% who achieved this nationally. We remain confident that our Phonics teaching is extremely strong. We have already looked at ways to focus in further on our assessment however we are certainly celebrating the fact that 93.75% of our children last year in Year 1 achieved the standard required in Phonics.

Mr Jones' letter also highlights the strength of our Governing Body. This is a very important element of school leadership. Our Governors know our school very well and work closely with me, and indeed, fulfil their role of holding the Headteacher to account whilst also providing support and encouragement with competence and wisdom. My sincere thanks go to our Governors and I look forward to working with them again this year. Having an inspection in the last week of the school year is certainly no mean feat and as usual, our fantastic school team rose admirably to the challenge and managed to fit in the little matter of a school inspection in between putting on school productions and tying up all the final ends of the school year. As I said to the staff on our training day last week, I am thoroughly looking forward to the year ahead. Whilst having a successful inspection is certainly a positive, I look forward to it mostly as I get to come into school every day and work with a fantastic team and with all our wonderful children. My thanks also to all of our parents who have been so supportive. The Inspector was certainly unable to move until he spoke to the parents who were so keen to talk to him about our fantastic school!

Head teacher: Mrs Rachel Ray
Chair of Governors: Mr Andrew Priestley

Creates opportunity



Releases potential



Achieves excellence

Inspections are never easy times but the whole process was so much improved with the knowledge of all the support we had from our wider school community. I will be holding a Parent Forum a little bit earlier this school year just in case any of you would like to discuss the inspection letter in more detail with me. Please rest assured that while we are very proud of many elements that the Inspector rightly saw, the Governors, staff and I continue to work hard to ensure we are offering the best we can for our children. The next Parent Forum session will be held on **Monday 16th September at 2.15pm.**

Our thoughts now turn to the year ahead and some of the upcoming events we have planned. Our PTA, Friends of Langton (FoLS) have already organised a couple of events, the first being a Welcome Tea and Coffee Afternoon to be held on 2.30pm **on Friday 20th September.** We particularly welcome new parents and grandparents to join us for this. Another event that we would really appreciate as much support as possible with the Morrisons Bag Packing on **Friday 25th October.** More details to follow about this however if you are able to sign up for an hour or two during the day, we would be very grateful. Our aim is also to involve some of our Year 5/6 pupils if any of their parents can help. Some time out of school on that day might well be a good incentive! Finally, we are holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning again this year. Please note that this will be on **Thursday 26th September** to coincide with our Grandparents Reading Session. To make this a success, we would very much appreciate donations of cakes and biscuits, homemade or otherwise, and some parent volunteers to help run it. Please let me know if you can assist with this.

If you would like to speak with me about any information that is included in this letter, or anything else affecting your child's time at Langton, please don't hesitate to pop on and see me.

Very best wishes,

Rachel Ray
Headteacher