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Dear Parent/Carers,

We are delighted that we can now share with you the finalised report from our recent Ofsted inspection. We are proud that we have been judged to be a Good school and rated as Outstanding in two of the five key report areas.

The report highlights our many strengths and successes, namely that the school ensures children are enthusiastic in their learning and that the school is seen as a caring and nurturing environment with pastoral support being highlighted as a real strength. It recognises how inclusive the school is and how it is ambitious for all and that children achieve well because all staff are determined for them to succeed. It also states the positivity around reading within the school and that the children benefit enormously from the well-considered and inspirational curriculum.

Our school's effectiveness around behaviour and attitudes plus personal development have been given Outstanding ratings. We have always been proud that the school has a calm and purposeful atmosphere in which children are free to learn and this is exactly what it says in the report. This is a real achievement and of which the whole school community should rightly be proud.

As you will be aware, the school was a legacy outstanding school based on the outcome of the previous full inspection, which was in October 2011. The criteria upon which schools are now judged has changed significantly since that time. It is worth noting that in the most recent data available from Ofsted, only 15% of legacy outstanding primary schools retained their outstanding judgement whilst 18% of previously outstanding schools were downgraded to 'requires improvement' or 'inadequate.'

It is unfortunate that the inspection rating does not fully reflect the outstanding pupil outcomes, which have been consistently above national averages for many years, that demonstrate the high level of knowledge, expertise and commitment shown by our staff team.

The report identified an area for improvement as that in a few subjects, the curriculum thinking needs to be refined to ensure children achieve highly in every area of the curriculum. This had already been identified by the school and is an improvement we have actively been engaged with. This will be continued to further minimise the variability identified in the report.

Once again, thank you to all of you for your support during the process and the positive comments that you made to the Ofsted inspectors. A thank you to all of the staff at the school who continue to work hard and show determination and ambition for your children on a daily basis, to the committed governing board, and of course to the children themselves who make our school what it is and were enthusiastic to show that to the inspectors.

We will be holding a round table discussion to enable you to ask any questions you might have about the report, and to have them answered by staff and governors. This will take place on the evening of the 7th February. Further details of this will follow separately.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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Chair of Governors