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Dear Parent/Carer,

Quite a bit has happened over the last few weeks and we hope you have enjoyed reading about it in our newsletters. However, we wanted to give you an update on some specific, positive and important, news.

Ofsted

As many of you will know, Ofsted came to visit us at the start of May. This was part of their ongoing monitoring visits that they do for all schools who have the same Ofsted outcome as ourselves.

The visit was really positive. At every level the inspectors saw progress and highlighted things that we should all be very proud of. Consequently they believe that the school has taken effective action and as a result the school is improving quickly.

We have put a copy of their letter to us on our website so you can read it in full. In summary, they found that:

- The vast majority of pupils are now making good, and sometimes very good, progress from their various starting points.
- Teachers have raised their expectations of what pupils can achieve, especially the most able pupils.
- The wider curriculum is broad and balanced and pupils are benefiting from educational visits.
- Teachers provide a wide variety of opportunities for children to be creative and develop number and writing skills.
- A new behaviour system has been introduced successfully. As a result, the number of behavioural incidents has reduced by half and the number of pupils involved in these incidents has reduced by a third.
- The new school house and points system gives pupils an increased understanding of pride, identity and responsibility, with numerous opportunities for pupils to take on roles and responsibilities.
- The principal and vice-principal are a formidable team and are supported by an enthusiastic and knowledgeable leadership team. They are determined to bring about sustainable improvements and ensure improved outcomes for all pupils.
- Parents have a better understanding of what is happening at the school.

These comments are fantastic news for the school and show how much everyone in our community has achieved. We would like to say a huge thank you and well done to all our staff,

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pupils and parents. The future looks very bright indeed and we will continue building on the improvements we have made.

Many thanks,

Miss K. Mills
Principal

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Acting Principal