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'Striving for success with pride and happiness'

Friday 30th September

OFSTED INSPECTION - 14th- 15th September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have now received the final report from OFSTED following our inspection on 14th and 15th September 2016. **The full report will be published on the OFSTED website on Friday 7th October 2016.** However we are allowed to inform parents and carers of the outcome in advance.

In this recent inspection, the school was judged overall to be within the category of **'Requires Improvement' (3)**. Inspectors have noted that **'there have been many changes of staff and leadership and this has restricted the pace of school improvement.'** Inspectors have acknowledged the **'positive start'** and have reported that the leadership demonstrates **'confidence and capacity to sustain further improvement'**. 'Early Years provision gets a separate judgment and I am delighted to say that they are judged as **'Good' (2)** in this inspection, which is a great reflection of all the hard work and improvements made by the fantastic staff in Foundation stage.



OFSTED also praised the work the school is doing to protect pupils and keep them safe and have said that **'pupils feel safe in all areas of school and that there is very little bullying now'**.

Inspectors identified that the behaviour policy and reward system is having a good impact and that the majority of children **'are polite and friendly'** and **'display positive learning attitudes'**.

'Leaders have recently revised the curriculum so that it offers more scope for pupils to deepen their learning'.

The report also recognises that the new governing body are starting to provide **'an increasingly effective challenge to senior leaders'** to ensure that the right priorities are being pursued and are developing an understanding of the impact of actions taken to improve teaching.

Obviously, inspectors also highlighted a number of key areas which require improvement. These include:

- Increasing rates of progress in key skills so that more pupils reach the standards typical for their age.
- Making better use of school information systems.
- Improving the quality of learning support pupils receive.

It is obviously disappointing that the outcome of the inspection is not yet good however, it must be said that all staff in school are committed to providing the best education for the children of West Melton Primary School.

With the publication of the report, now is the time to look forward and continue to address the issues and make improvements as we **'strive for success with pride and happiness'**. We hope that you as parents will continue to support us with this vision.

We now have a very skilled, experienced and caring staff team who are fully committed to the school and your children; we would like to take this opportunity to commend them for their hard work and professionalism during this first term. Ofsted has recognised these improvements and do see us as an improving school.

Finally, I would like to thank the parents/carers who provided their views to the inspectors and were so supportive during a very challenging two days for us. We are also incredibly proud of our pupils whose behaviour and attitudes were remarked on so positively by the inspectors.

To give parents more opportunity to hear about the outcomes of the OFSTED report and the plans we have and progress that we are already making in improving the school, we would like to invite all parents to a 'school vision launch' at school on **Tuesday 11th October 2016 at 3.30-4.30pm** in the hall.

You will also have the opportunity to meet the new staff team and hear about ways that you can support your child's learning too. The school will organise crèche facilities for parents with children and refreshments will be available. Can you please complete the slip below to confirm your attendance and return it to school a.s.a.p to be automatically entered into a raffle. Prizes will be drawn on the day.

I look forward to sharing our plans with you further.
Yours sincerely,

Z Norris

Headteacher

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School Vision Launch Event

I am the parent/carer of _____ and will be able attending the school vision launch event on Tuesday 11th October.

I will need _____ seat/s reserving and will need/not need creche facilities for _____ child/children.

Signed: _____