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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know we welcomed the OFSTED inspection team into All Saints' very early on in the academic year on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th September, where they were able to celebrate all of the very many things that the school does well, whilst also validating the areas that we want to continue to improve.

We were particularly proud of the acknowledgement of the OFSTED team, that we support children's personal development and wellbeing well, that 'the school is highly inclusive' and that 'teachers adapt teaching effectively' to support all learners. We were also pleased that the team acknowledged that 'pupils are happy and proud to belong to this welcoming and inclusive school'. You can read the full inspection report through this [link](#).

We were also pleased that they were able to acknowledge all of the work that has gone into improving standards across the school so that outcomes at the end of EYFS, phonics levels at the end of KS1 and multiplication tables at the end of Year 4 were all consistently above national so that this foundational knowledge will build strong end of KS2 outcomes. This is the area we are currently working on and needs our attention. OFSTED were able to confirm this with our School Improvement Plan highlighting that this work had begun.

The only area where there was a difference of opinion was on the curriculum and teaching section. It was hard to showcase the progress pupils make when the children were only in school for 9 days of the new academic year when the inspection was made. However as a restless school that constantly strives for improvement, we will continue to work together to highlight the continued excellent work of an extremely talented team of adults that work hard every day to support children shine academically.

We know that when we invite the inspector back in around 12 months time, to validate our school improvement, not only will we have a full year of progress to share with them but also some end of KS2 results to be really proud of.

I'm sure you will have seen in the media that there has been some controversy over the new OFSTED gradings with what was considered 'good' now labelled 'the expected standard'. Also where judgements were made that were a 'best fit' of the descriptors there is now a 'secure fit' approach, meaning that every aspect of the criteria needs to be 'ticked off', no matter how minor in order to

secure that grading. Therefore whilst much of our report is at the expected standard there was lots of strong standard work identified by the inspection team. Similarly a significant part of the 2 areas graded needs attention, met the expected standard with just a small number of areas for development to work on to achieve that grading and beyond.

Finally I want to reiterate my thanks to you as a parent body for your support throughout the process and your ongoing support of the school. The team were impressed by the unity of the school and its strong sense of community and acknowledged its ongoing shared commitment of ensuring that 'Every Child Shines'.

Kind regards

PJBrown

Mr P Brown
Headteacher - All Saints' C of E Primary School, Maldon



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