



Report to WSL Parish Council

Tuesday 25th April 2017

Thank you for inviting me to the Parish Council APM.

A lot of changes have taken place in school, here is an update on the development and achievement of various aspects of the school.

Children and Achievements

One of the highlights of the year so far has to be the recent Ofsted rating 'Outstanding' in all aspects:

- Effectiveness of Leadership and Management
- Quality of Teaching, learning and assessment
- Personal Development, behaviour and welfare
- Outcomes for Pupils
- Early Years Provision

We are all thrilled and extremely proud of this achievement. What the inspectors commented really stood out is that WSL is 'nurturing school', 'staff take time to get to know individual pupils and provide them with the right support' and 'boys and girls of all abilities make excellent progress from their starting points. The caring ethos and atmosphere within the school is nothing that can be manufactured or prepared for when the inspectors call – it is something that takes years to develop and will only be in place when all members of the staff are pulling in the same direction with the same high expectations.

Underpinning that, however, is something less tangible – the **Values** we teach the children, the way they treat each other, the way they behave both in class and out– ultimately the way we want them to develop as members of a community / society where respect and care are paramount. As it is confirmed in the Ofsted Report that '*The behaviour of pupils is outstanding/exemplary*'; '*The School*' Values ensure that the personal development of pupils is threaded through all aspects of school life.' '*... pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is a strength of the school.*' *Pupils are very well prepared for life in modern Britain.*'

This magnificent achievement is truly a living example of our team effort of all stakeholders and our motto 'Together We Inspire and Achievement' is wonderfully alive!

On behalf of all children, staff and Governing Board I would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank You' in person for your lovely messages we received from many members of the school community, ex-parents, ex-governors, residents of the village etc.

We are delighted that our hard work and achievement are officially recognised by Ofsted! However, we are not complacent! We will strive to not only maintain this high standard but to build on it and improve further.

School Improvement Priorities

- To further improve and utilise EYFS outdoor learning area effectively to enhance learning and development of all children in EYFS -- During the Easter Holiday a new Pirate Climbing Frame was assembled and the wet pour safety surfacing was completed by DCS company, ready for Reception children to use;
- To maximise the use of space for learning we are in the process of relocating the School Library to the current ICT Suite, after the worktops were removed during the Easter holiday;
- A New Library System, Reading Cloud will be installed to promote reading in this technological age.
- To modernise and refurbish Red Kites Classroom with a new Teaching Wall installed by the end of summer.
- To replace the existing windows in the front of school with double glazing UPVC windows during the summer holiday. This work will be carried out by Building Services from RBWM
- To increase number on roll by actively promoting the School. (Currently we have 102 children on roll) through Open Days, School leaflets...

Number on Roll and School Funding

Currently we have 102 pupils. The School have a falling roll over the last couple of years due a number of factors:

- A local school in RBWM was expanded and doubled its admission number
- A few Traveller children left since the closure of the traveller site
- Family mobility due to relocating in the UK or abroad