

Thursday 3rd April 2014

Dear Parents,

As you are aware our school was visited by an Ofsted inspector on 19th and 20th March 2014. Throughout these two days the Inspector met with our pupils, observed lessons within the various classes, scrutinised the school's data relating to the progress and achievements of our pupils, and met with the staff and representatives of the Governing Body.

Our school was last inspected by Ofsted in March 2009 when we received an overall grade of 'Good', and since this date the criteria by which schools are judged by Ofsted has changed significantly.

I am now in a position to proudly advise you that as a result of the recent intense inspection at St. Peter's School we have received an overall judgement of '**OUTSTANDING**'. This Ofsted judgement means that our "outstanding school is highly effective in delivering outcomes that provide exceptionally well for its pupils' needs."

The Inspector noted that "the headteacher's excellent leadership is very well supported by the governors and other leaders in the school. They have created a happy, continuously improving school where teachers try out new ideas and share best practice." After observing lessons the Inspector concluded that "in lessons, pupils are enthusiastic, excited and genuinely curious because teaching is typically outstanding" continuing that "pupils achieve exceptionally well throughout the school, including in Reception."

The Ofsted Inspector was particularly impressed with the excellent behaviour displayed by our pupils throughout the inspection stating "their behaviour is exemplary at all times; in lessons, when they move around school, walk to separate sites or play at break times."

On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to congratulate the pupils and all of the staff on achieving this 'Outstanding' judgement from Ofsted. I know that everyone involved in St. Peter's School works tirelessly to ensure "that all pupils have equal opportunities" and "the school plans carefully to ensure that the subjects offered help pupils to make the best progress." The attached Ofsted report notes that at the end of Key Stage 2 pupils at St. Peter's School "reach well above average levels of achievement" ensuring that our pupils are "very well prepared for the next stage of education".

I would like to thank all of the pupils for being such excellent ambassadors for our school, not only during the Ofsted inspection but throughout their time at St. Peter's School. Thank you to all of the parents for your comments and feedback during the inspection, and to all of the staff who work hard every day to make our school what it is - an 'Outstanding' school!

Finally, on behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank Miss Lynn Goreham, who was described as "an inspirational headteacher" by the Ofsted inspector. Working closely with all members of staff she continuously strives to improve the school and its pupils' achievements, and such dedication by everyone involved in the school has resulted in this much deserved Ofsted 'Outstanding' judgement.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Helen Best.
Chair of Governors.