Monday 25th November, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with immense pride and joy that I write to share some truly wonderful news. As you will be aware, at the beginning of the month, we welcomed Ofsted for our first inspection in 11 years and I am delighted to announce that we achieved OUTSTANDING outcomes in every single area!

This is an extraordinary achievement and a testament to the hard work, dedication and collaboration of our entire school family. It reflects the commitment to excellence that we strive for every day in providing the very best education, care and support for our children and families.

The Ofsted report captures what makes our school so special and while the full report is attached for you to read in detail, I want to point out just a few key highlights that stood out for me as the headteacher.

A Place of Happiness and Belonging: Inspectors described our school as inclusive and harmonious, with a warm and welcoming environment where pupils feel valued and supported. In discussion with leaders the inspectors celebrated the love, care and the feeling of family that radiates throughout every part of our school—something that was a particular highlight for me as the Headteacher.

Exceptional Achievement: Pupils achieve exceptionally well, displaying curiosity, determination, and a love of learning. They are superbly prepared for the next stages of their education and their success reflects our unwavering ambition for every child.

Exceptional Personal Development: The inspectors were deeply impressed by our personal development programme, which equips children with the skills, values, and experiences they need to thrive in life. From leadership roles like science ambassadors and house captains to a wide range of enrichment activities and visits, our pupils develop confidence, respect, and a strong moral purpose.

Excellent Behaviour and Relationships: Pupils’ behaviour was described as exemplary, with children showing resilience, respect, and care for one another. The strength of relationships between pupils and staff stood out as a hallmark of our school.

Ambitious Curriculum and Teaching Excellence: Ofsted praised our carefully designed curriculum, which meets the needs of our diverse community, as well as the passion and expertise of our teachers in bringing it to life. Pupils love to talk about their learning and benefit from additional support when needed.

A Love of Reading: From their earliest days in Nursery, pupils develop a love of reading that continues to grow as they move through the school. The inspectors commended the effectiveness of our phonics programme and the enthusiasm with which pupils talk about their favourite books.

This inspection outcome reflects the dedication and hard work of an exceptional team. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our staff and teachers, whose unwavering dedication, professionalism and passion for education make this school the incredible place it is.

I would also like to thank our governors and Emmaus CAT, whose steadfast support have been invaluable. And, of course, to you—our parents and carers—thank you for your trust, encouragement, and partnership. Your belief in our school and your involvement in your children’s education plays a vital role in our success.

As the proudest headteacher, I am overjoyed to celebrate this achievement with you. But more importantly, this result inspires us to keep striving, to keep growing, and to continue providing a school where children can thrive in love academically, personally, and socially.

Thank you for being part of our journey.

With immense pride and gratitude,

Mrs Kirsty Seaborn

Headteacher.