



Aim High....Fly High

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Dear Parent

Ofsted Report: “*this is a good school*”

You will have received a letter today from our Headteacher, Debbie Gould, along with a link to the Ofsted Report which follows the Ofsted Inspection that took place in school on the 22nd and 23rd January.

The result of the Ofsted inspection is that “**this is a good school**”. The governors are very pleased with the outcome of the inspection as we believe that is a very fair and detailed summary of the standards and practices in Duxford Primary. I urge you to read the report in full.

The report acknowledges the work that has been done in raising achievement and improving teaching, recognising that teaching is ‘good’ with some outstanding practice in both key stages. It also reflects that the school offers a vibrant and stimulating curriculum and an outstanding range of afterschool and lunchtime clubs which help to enhance and enrich the children’s learning. It highlights many strengths including the quality of the Reception ‘Early Years’ provision. It praises the excellent work done by our teaching assistant team.

You will remember that when we were last inspected in December 2013 we were given the grade ‘requires improvement’ but were described as a *rapidly improving school*. It is good to see that the huge efforts of the Headteacher and the whole school team have enabled those improvements to be driven through quickly. The entire staff and Governing Body are delighted with the outcome.

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent View survey. The school along with the Governing Body work hard to engage with families through activities such as parent consultation evenings and mini-surveys, and to keep parents informed through the governor newsletter. The Governors are keen to see the partnership with parents strengthened even further. Your views and continued support are crucial to helping to improve the school, and we welcome your feedback at any time.

Whilst delighted with the outcome from the inspection the staff and governors are still incredibly ambitious for the school and are committed to continuing to drive the school forward to become outstanding in all areas. The report identifies some things the school needs to do to move towards outstanding, including providing a consistent level of challenge for our most able pupils and ensuring that teachers’ marking is consistently good, particularly in maths. I’m sure that the leadership team along with governors will also identify other areas that we need to work on to move the school forward and to provide an ever-more rich environment for our children to Aim High...Fly High.

There is of course still much to do to ensure that the school continues to provide an education which satisfies our aims and values, but at present I hope that you will join me in congratulating the staff for all their hard work and dedication over the past year.

Yours sincerely

Clare Delderfield
Chair of Governors
Duxford C of E Community Primary School