

Dear Parents/Guardians

We had our second visit from HMI on the 25th and 26th of January to judge the progress our school is making. These judgements build on those made in our first visit of early September.

We are pleased to say that feedback from the HMI was extremely positive and reflects the hard work of all involved in our school.

Areas for improvement identified by Ofsted.	September 2011	January 2012
	HMI judgement of progress since March.	HMI judgement of progress since September
Raise attainment and accelerate progress in English and Maths.	Good Progress	Good Progress
Improve Leadership, management and governance.	Outstanding Progress	Outstanding Progress
Improve outcomes in the Early Years Foundation Stage.	Satisfactory Progress	Good Progress
Overall progress since being subject to special measures.	Good Progress	Good Progress

Quotes from the HMI report

- More pupils are on target to achieve their full potential in English and maths than was evident in the last inspection in March 2011.
- There is compelling evidence to indicate that for the first time in some years, a significant number of pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 are on target to achieve the higher levels.
- There is a consistent and systematic approach to:
 - Planning lessons which closely match the needs of individual pupils.
 - Effective teaching of letters and the sounds they make
 - Analysis of where gaps in pupils' learning lie and a concerted effort to ensure that these are remedied quickly.
- There is a stronger profile of teaching and learning throughout the school....elements of Good and occasionally Outstanding teaching were observed.
- The Teaching Assistants act as exemplary role models for handwriting, punctuation and spelling.
- All attendance issues are tackled swiftly and firmly.
- Pupils continue to enjoy their learning.
- The executive headteacher, acting head and the IEB provide strong and determined leadership of the school. under their expert tutelage the school's substantive leadership team is equipped with the skills and confidence to monitor and evaluate teaching and learning.
- A strength of the partnership with St.Mary's is the opportunity for senior leaders from both schools to work together.

I'm sure you will agree that this makes for happy reading and reflects much of what we already knew about our school. There is every indication that good times lie ahead for our pupils and we would like to thank you for your continued support.

If you would like to read the whole report it can be found on our school website.

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