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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to enclose the latest Ofsted inspection report, which we have just received following our recent inspection on the 14th March. The Easter holidays has meant there was a delay in our receiving the report. This short inspection is designed to ensure that standards in the school have not in any way fallen since the last inspection in July 2014, and also seeks to identify further strengths. This inspection process is not designed to change the grading unless of course there were significant concerns.

On the day of the inspection, the inspector worked alongside the leadership team for the whole day in evaluating current practice in the school. We agreed three lines of enquiry; the breadth of the science curriculum, achievement of the most able pupils & the teaching of reading. In addition, the inspector interviewed children, listened to children read & spoke to governors. Ofsted also collated evidence from those of you who completed the questionnaire.

We are very proud of the feedback from the inspection, in particular in confirming that: *'there is a strong team ethos characterised by very high expectations for all pupils'*; *'lessons are engaging and teachers have strong subject knowledge'*; *'the curriculum has been recently redesigned and as a result is reinvigorated'*; *'the presentation of children's work is excellent'* and *'relationships between pupils and staff are very strong'*. Once again, the behaviour of our children was identified as Outstanding.

We discussed with the inspector our current school improvement priority, which is reading comprehension. In the report, the inspector says that *'results in 2017 for reading were not as strong as those for writing'*. However, it is important to note that our reading standards are still above national for attainment at the end of Year 6, and just above for progress. They are not as high as our writing standards, which are in the top 15% of schools nationally. We are obviously wanting to achieve these same fantastic standards in reading and that is why this has been agreed as our school priority.

Finally, the report is further recognition of the hard work and dedication from all the staff and governors in school, who strive to provide the best education for your children. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for all that they do in school and beyond the school day.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

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Chair of Governors

