



Bennet Canfield, Little Canfield, Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1YE

'Learning, achieving and enjoying together'

14th September 2018

Dear parents, carers and guardians,

Re: OFSTED

As you are all aware we were visited by OFSTED on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th September. We do await the official outcome of the inspection, which should be with us in the next few weeks. The team's judgement does go through a moderation process to ensure national consistency, so we are not allowed to yet share the draft outcomes of the report. The whole process has been a fair and professional one against the revised and more demanding OFSTED inspection schedule. There have been no surprises as to their findings and match many of our own professional judgements already made and shared with you via my initial parent meeting last October and the various 'Headteacher updates' sent out over the year and still available via our school website.

It is with great thanks to you all for your support over the last year which has helped to bring about some of the key improvements that have been recognised by the OFSTED team. One of the most important one relates to our, that is both the school's and community's, previous significant worries about behaviour and safety within the school. We are confident that the school's revised ethos and higher expectations have now created a culture where behaviour and safety is no longer a major concern. The children have started this year well, already strong relationships with their class teachers and support staff are evident. I have felt immensely proud this first week as to what a difference a year makes; overall happier, more confident children, settling quickly into their day and willing to take risks in their learning and wanting to challenge themselves. At this point it has not yet had enough time to impact on the outcomes of the children's learning across the whole curriculum, rather than just in reading, writing and mathematics, for all year groups across the school.

Obviously there is always much more that we can achieve as we constantly evaluate and evolve. I am now confident that we have an ethos, a staff team, a staffing structure, your support, fabulous children and now the financial capability to secure a bright future for the school so long as we can maintain the stability that we have achieved, but been lacking over the last 5 years. We metaphorically have sown the seeds, the shoots are breaking through and we will grow with strong roots to achieve great heights given time.

When the OFSTED report goes public we will let you know and invite you to a parents meeting to look at our next steps and the journey ahead. A journey that we started last September to ensure all children are 'Learning, achieving and enjoying together'. To this end I have attached a copy of our draft and revised 'Vision', that now includes the work of staff and the children, through the pupil school council. If you have a view or have further ideas and thoughts for us to consider to help include the 'Parent' voice please do e-mail the school office; admin@takeley-pri.essex.sch.uk who will then share them directly with me to discuss with our senior leadership team.

Once again thank you to you all.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Andy Cosslett (Headteacher)

Our Ethos:

‘Learning, Achieving and Enjoying Together’

Our Mission:

The primary purpose of our school is to ensure all our children **learn**. The **progress** in learning our children make helps to ensure a sense of **achievement** and a feeling of satisfaction in a job well done. **Enjoyment** is a key factor to ensure that learning is a **lifelong skill** beyond just their school days, but can support them well throughout their working lives. **Teamwork** is essential to enhance learning, personal and social skills, supporting **independence** in playing their part in future societies and shaping the world that we will live in.

Our Aims, values and expectations:

- to provide a high level of learning to develop **enquiring minds** through **stimulating experiences** which makes us all want to learn more each day.
- to provide a school curriculum which is **broad, balanced, coherent, and relevant**, that reflects the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum so that the children **progress** and **attain** well from their starting points, being well-prepared for the next stage of their education.
- to develop **independent, motivated and determined** children who are **confident, flexible, respectful** and able to **cooperate** and **collaborate** with others, while not being afraid to make mistakes but willing to take risks in their learning by challenging themselves.
- to promote **imagination** and **creative expression** through a wide range of opportunities and projects that provide a clear purpose towards 'real-life' learning.
- to create and maintain a **caring community** by encouraging a supportive, safe, understanding and considerate environment that fosters **kindness, responsibility, trust** and **teamwork**, along with the fundamental **British values** of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.
- to foster a sense of **pride** in achievement and a desire to succeed; and
- to establish effective links between the school and home which **promote aspirations** and **high expectations**.

This Vision will be achieved through the partnership of children, parents, staff, helpers and Governors all working together.

We are very proud of our School and our children's achievements, if you would like to find out more about us then please phone and make an appointment to visit or e-mail us at admin@takeley-pri.essex.sch.uk.

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