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Dear all

As part of our feedback from parent survey and parent forums it appears you would like to know more about how we are doing in relation to last years Ofsted.

First it is good to remember that despite being graded 'Requires Improvement', the majority of the school was identified as being 'good' or 'strongly good'

As a school we have an Action Plan every year with short, medium and long term ideas of how we can get better. In my opinion all schools require improvement and the Ofsted doesn't change that. However, Ofsted identified some areas that we need to look at:

Improve the teaching and learning in key stage 2 especially 4/5. As you will know 4/5 is now a 3/4 class and we have Ms Tapp teaching in there since September 2017. We believe that has made a significant impact on the consistency and quality of teaching and learning in this class.

It is also important to remember that Ofsted identified that changes we had already made had made a difference. For example in year 5/6 we had a new teacher from September 2016 a direct response to 2016 test results. As a result our key stage 2 data improved in 2017 (available on website). The specific problems identified in writing were addressed and when we were audited by County in the summer of 2017, they felt that there was a good level of challenge in evidence and there was a high quality of standard and expectation in writing in year 6.

As a result of data from 2017 (Ofsted judgement based on 2016 data only) we identified maths as any area we would like to develop further. We have had made some significant changes this year as well as having a whole new teaching team in Camelot and Blenheim than the one that started 201-16. We have put Mrs Slade into both mathematics lessons allowing more children to be supported and challenged by more adults.

We have recruited an experienced maths consultant to support our planning and delivery of mathematics. I will be returning to the classroom for a short period to help support year 6 mathematics. We also have support from a local school, plus Ms Samuel and Ms Tapp have had the opportunity to observe and meet with teachers in their relevant year groups to share best practice. We have had support from County via a local Head, who has helped support our Senior Leadership Team in identifying improvements.

Governors were identified positively in the Ofsted report. They continue to hold us to account and challenge us to be better and have been reviewing books across the school in the Autumn. They are also responsible for organising and reviewing the parent survey of which this is a result. In the Spring term they will be focusing on teaching and learning in Camelot and Blenheim by carrying out pupil surveys.

We are optimistic that the 'green shoots' identified by Ofsted last year in Blenheim have been extended to Camelot and will further develop this year. Whilst maintaining our core strengths in Little Pips, Pippin, Maigold and Gala.

I hope you have found this useful. Further updates will follow in the weekly diary.

Best Wishes

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