



Newton Primary School

'Together We Can!'

16th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to the recent Ofsted inspection, it now gives me great pleasure to inform you that Newton Primary School was judged as a **Good** school in all areas!

The full report is available on the school website www.newton.derbyshire.sch.uk and will be published on the Ofsted site in the next few days. As it is 12 pages long, for economic reasons we have not printed copies for everyone. If you require a printed copy, please request one through the office. The key points are as follows:

- Strategic leadership over the last two years has been effective in significantly raising standards.
- Governors are effective in their role and hold school leaders to account.
- The curriculum is well planned and prepares children for life in modern Britain.
- Teachers' expectations of pupils have risen significantly in the past two years.
- Pupils receive good quality phonics teaching.
- Teachers use skilful questioning
- Pupils behave well in lessons and around school. They are polite and well-mannered and school is "a nice place to be."
- Children make good progress in the Early Years because of the exciting curriculum.
- The Early Years leader has a strong understanding of the needs of young children.
- Children respond well to the stimulating environment provided by the staff.
- Pupils say that bullying incidents are rare and effectively dealt with.
- Relationships between adults and pupils in the school are positive
- Pupils have been taught to become resilient learners and have positive attitudes.
- Pupils feel safe in school and understand how to keep themselves safe in different situations.
- The proportion of pupils achieving the expected standard in phonics in Year 1 is above the national average.

The inspector recognised we already had action plans in place to address the areas for improvement. These are:

- Ensuring the work set by teachers offers more challenge in maths, particularly for the more able.
- Provide children with more opportunities to develop reasoning and problem solving skills in maths.
- Closely monitoring action plans to measure the impact on pupils' learning.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making this inspection so successful; including staff, parents, governors and most of all the children. Working in close partnership with you as parents, we will continue to strive towards delivering an outstanding education for the children of Newton Primary.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kim Buxton



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