



8th September 2016

Dear Parents,

Please find enclosed our latest Ofsted report following a section 8, short inspection visit on Thursday 30th June 2016. We are delighted to inform you that our school continues to be judged as 'Good'.

We were pleased to see that our work since the previous inspection has been successful and that these are no longer issues for our school. During the inspection, many of the things we value were identified by the inspector as strong. For example:

- The strength of leadership within the school and the good work that all leaders do in evaluating the school's needs.
'All leaders make a strong contribution to checking and evaluating the work of the school.'
- The recognition that we offer a broad and balanced curriculum which interests the children.
'The curriculum motivates and engages pupils. School corridors and classrooms display interesting examples of pupils' work that demonstrates the breadth of topics covered. The curriculum is also successful in developing pupils' positive attitudes towards learning.'
- Reading and Speaking and Listening.
- Our inclusive approach to education for all and the research work we have carried out around Dyslexia.
'The leader of special educational needs, carefully plans high-quality support for vulnerable pupils with complex needs. Research is used well to inform strategies to help pupils overcome barriers to their learning.'

Most of all we were delighted that, you, the parents, through the questionnaire responses 'overwhelmingly agreed that their children enjoy school and achieve well.' This has always been our overarching aim and it makes us proud that you feel we achieve this. I would like to thank you for the way in which you support the school; this couldn't have been more prominent than during the inspection.

The Inspector identified that our school would be even better if:

- Spelling and handwriting were consistently high in line with the new curriculum.

As a team we recognised this as an area of improvement before our inspection and had already begun work on these areas. Writing will continue to be our school focus for the coming year to ensure that the standards and progress in this area continue to improve, from just above average to significantly above average. This will ensure that writing is in line with Maths and Reading.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff here at Hemyock for their continued hard work and dedication and for making this result possible. They are some of the best educationalists that I have worked with who have the children's education at the heart of everything they do.

Yours faithfully

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