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GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER Jan'17

Good Ofsted: Improve Security

We were delighted to receive a glowing Ofsted Report following the inspection which took place in November. Among the many comments, the inspection highlighted how the school leadership team had maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection in October 2011, sustained the strengths noted, dealt effectively with the areas for improvement and that pupils continued to make good progress in the school's calm, warm and understanding environment.

Her Majesty's Inspector, Mr Clive Moss, noted that the pupils benefit from a broad curriculum, which provides effectively for their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Mr Moss spoke to children and discovered that they feel both safe and happy at the school and that they achieved well.

At the end of the day, Mr Moss reported his findings to the full governing body and school leaders. As a body, we were pleased with the report and how it recognises that our school continues to move in the right direction. We would also like to thank parents for their involvement on the day and through their responses on-line via Parent View and the governors own questionnaire from which Mr Moss concluded that the school had, understandably, substantially gained the confidence of parents.

One of the issues raised by Mr Moss, but not recorded in the report, was the ease of access onto the school site. Governors have been considering this for some time and it has been agreed to tighten security and restrict access by putting 'Time Locks' on the existing gates. Regular visitors to school will see work on the gates taking place and all should be ready soon.

Mr Ian Roscoe (Chair of Governors)

Parent Questionnaire Response

Thank you to all parents who responded to the latest governor questionnaire (140 responses). The results were very positive, however, 3 of the 12 questions received inconsistent responses:

Q6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age.

Parents gave a range of responses to this question from finding it beyond their capability to too easy and from wanting it to be more specific to ability to strongly disagreeing with homework and not wanting any!

We would like to ask more about homework, so we have created an on-line questionnaire using survey monkey.

Parents can access this survey via:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PX8XMRQ>

Q9. St Michael's deals effectively with bullying.

This question had a very mixed response, to ensure consistency and a clear and transparent policy on bullying we have:

- Worked together as a staff to write and implement a new bullying policy, this is available on the website or paper copy can be obtained from school office.
- Created a new system to record incidents of bullying and how to respond (green sheet).
- Started a Play Leader project at lunch time play.
- Created the BEE rules for all classes to know and follow.
- Building positive relationships and friendships is part of the school curriculum and is discussed in regular PSHE lessons and as part of daily Worship.

Q11. I receive valuable information about my child's progress.

School is currently looking at ways of how parents can access the School Pupil Tracking Online (SPTO) assessment system so parents can access academic progress & targets, behaviour & attitude and attendance information.

No Change to School Numbers!

Over the Christmas period, you may have read in the local press about the one hundred new houses to be built near Chestnut Drive. Part of the article stated that St. Michael's C of E Primary School was to be expanded by an additional 17 spaces and allocated some £202,975 to do so – this was news to us! Evidently, it is common practice for local authorities to ask for financial contributions from building firms for the expansion of the local infrastructure including doctors and schools. Planning documents have to be specific and our school just happened to be named rather than mentioning all local primary schools. There is no agreement to expand St. Michael's any further than has currently been agreed.