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Dear Parents and Carers

As previously shared with you, the school was subject to an inspection by one of His Majesty's Inspectors and an OFSTED Inspector on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2023.

It is important to note, that this OFSTED inspection was carried out under the newer, more comprehensive framework introduced in 2019. After a brief delay in publication, we are delighted to announce that our school has achieved a GOOD overall effectiveness rating, marking a significant milestone in our continuous journey of improvement.

Even more gratifying is the recognition of excellence in three out of five inspection categories, which have been rated as 'Outstanding'. These categories, encompassing Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes, and Early Years, are foundational pillars in any child's educational experience, particularly vital within an infant school setting. We are immensely proud that our dedication and efforts in these crucial areas have been acknowledged and celebrated.

We are particularly pleased that the report has managed to capture part of what makes life at Marlow Infants so special and it is packed with positive comments. The school vision and our pupil attainment are a standout feature within the narrative with statements like:

*"The school's ethos encourages all pupils to aim high. These aspirations lead to exceptional learning in early years and in reading, writing and mathematics."*

*"... in all areas of school life, leaders make sure that every pupil is included. As a result, disadvantaged pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), benefit strongly from everything the school provides."*

We wanted to emphasise some of the key points that mean the most to us but these are by no means the limit to the praise that the report gives the school:

### **High aspirations and exceptional achievement**

- Pupils develop reading and maths skills exceptionally well and this strong start is reflected in published [outcomes](#).
- Pupils are well prepared for the transition to junior school

### **Innovative, creative and exceptional teaching methods**

- Staff nurture curiosity through outdoor learning and exploratory projects
- Pupils learn to reason and solve problems for themselves
- Teachers provide precise and effective explanations

### **Igniting curiosity and character development**

- Pupils think about how they can overcome challenges and learn from them
- Children develop curiosity and an inquisitive approach to learning
- Even the youngest children in the school build great perseverance
- Pupils develop determination and motivation to learn

### **Each individual child is valued**

- Pupils know their voices are heard
- SEND pupils are supported to access the full breadth of learning and as a result, achieve highly
- Highly targeted support for children who need it

### **Community and service**

- Pupils love learning to be active citizens and leaders
- Pupils thrive on giving back and contribute to the wider community through environmental projects and charitable initiatives

### **Exemplary behaviour**

- Pupils learn how to be caring and kind and how to cooperate with one another
- Whether in the classroom or the playground, pupils' behaviour is exemplary

Your school senior leadership team consistently aims to achieve excellence in everything that they do, never standing still and always striving to offer the best start to school life for all pupils. The feedback provided during the inspection and contained within the report will help us to continue to shape the work we do and we will further develop the consistency of teaching and learning in the non-core subjects.

Finally, we must offer our heartfelt 'thank you' to all of the parents and carers who took the time to submit comments during the process. They are a vital part of the process as the inspectors attempt to snapshot life in a busy school in just a few hours.

We were delighted to see such a high participation rate from parents: 93% of pupils were represented in the OFSTED parent view survey. The feedback was incredibly positive: 100% of parents surveyed agreed that their child is happy at this school, 100% agreed that the school has high expectations and 100% would recommend the school to another parent.

You may have some questions about the inspection or the final report, please feel free to reach out to any of us if we can be of any help.

We hope that you enjoy reading the report as much as we did. It can be accessed via the [school website](#).

Kind regards,

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