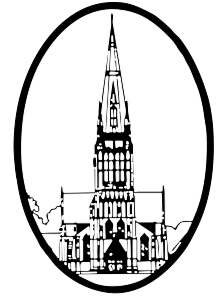


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*"St Mary's... feeding the mind, body and spirit
so we can be the best we can be."*

12th June 2023

Dear parents and carers,

As you may recall, Ofsted completed a two-day inspection at St Mary's on 19th and 20th April 2023. It is with great pleasure and pride that I am writing to you today to share the outcome of that inspection process.

As you will see when you read the report, there is so much for us to be proud of. Not only was the behaviour and attitudes of your children judged as 'Outstanding', but every other area of life at our school received significant praise. Amongst the positive comments, the inspectors noted:

- Pupils are kind and polite to each other and to staff. They show empathy and respect. Pupils are particularly respectful of those who are different from themselves.
- There are high expectations, matched with a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Pupils are very focused in lessons and work hard and SEND pupils get the support they need, so they too can follow the same curriculum as others.
- Pupils develop strong routines from the beginning of the Nursery Year. Children (in the EYFS) demonstrate their expanding vocabulary and knowledge.

As a result, we are a **'Good'** school overall, but there are many aspects of life at St Mary's that have the hallmarks of being an Outstanding educational establishment. We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that the school is always '...feeding the mind, body and spirit so we can be the best we can be'.

And that is why it is important to stress that this report is not the end of a journey. While we should stop, reflect and celebrate all the amazing things that makes our school all that it is – there are always things to do, challenges to overcome and improvements to be made.

That is why we are excited about the next stage of our school's development. With the number of children falling across London, budgets tightening and the world of education ever moving forward and changing, we can't, and shouldn't, stay the same. What we



can do, however, is take every opportunity that comes our way to help make our school even better for our children.

So please do join with us in applauding our brilliant children and acknowledging the collective efforts of our staff, parents and wider community. We should all be proud that St Mary's is a very '**Good**' school where Ofsted recognised the behaviour and attitudes of pupils as '**Outstanding**'. I am so happy for everyone; however, I beam with pride every day because of our smart, funny, kind and well-rounded children.

As St Mary's moves into the future, this is a great achievement and a strong foundation to build upon. I would like to thank you all for your continued support, putting your trust in us to do the right things by your children and joining with us on our journey.

I hope you enjoy reading the report as much as we have!

Kind regards

Jane O'Brien
Headteacher

