

Manor Farm Community Junior School

In Touch



'Love School, Love Learning'

Our school values effort and achievement;

knowledge gives us confidence and the ability to think with independence.

Our school allows us to excel in all areas;

new experiences broaden our horizons and give us the opportunity to be the best we can be.

We nurture a true sense of community;

we know how to behave and relate to others with kindness and respect, we are proud of our school AND understand we are part of the wider world.

We "love school, love learning" and are ready for the future.

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OFSTED JUDGEMENT!

As you know, we were inspected by OFSTED on the 5th and 6th of October. This inspection came just over 2 years since we were inspected in July 2014 and were judged as a school 'Requiring Improvement'. Since then I have kept you informed of how we have been working hard to improve as a school and to provide an environment where children are safe, happy and make progress in their learning. I am very pleased to inform you that the school has been judged as a **'GOOD'** school at the inspection last month.

Naturally we are very happy with this judgement as it confirms the belief, held by all the staff and governors, that all the hard work and effort we have put in has made us a good school and a school for us all to be proud of. The full report can be found on the school website. but here are some comments:-



'Leaders and governors have brought about significant improvements to the school since the previous inspection.' *At the inspection in 2014, I was still new to the school and we had a new leadership team. I have now been able to put my stamp on the school and along with the leadership team we have addressed areas of weakness. The Governing Body has had a big change in personnel; they know the school well and are good at challenging school leaders.*



'Teaching is consistently good with an increasing proportion that is outstanding.' *We have high expectations for all our pupils. Teachers have good knowledge of the subjects they teach and ask questions of pupils that make them think and work hard. We always consider the ability needs of all children.*



'The school environment is bright and attractive with stimulating displays of pupils' work in classrooms and around the school.' *I have always emphasised to staff the importance of displays and children seeing their work on show. If you go into any of our classrooms you will see stimulating displays which also have information to help children learn. We are introducing more areas across the school to be used for displays.*

'Pupils behave well in classrooms and around the school. They enjoy school and they have very positive attitudes to learning. They feel safe in school.' *This is a very important judgement, because it reflects what a positive learning environment the school is. Behaviour is not always perfect, but then I don't expect it to be. Children being children do push the boundaries, but all our children are a pleasure to teach and are a credit to you their parents.*



A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

It is a huge pleasure to be able to write how pleased I am, along with the Governing Body, at this wonderful result. All the staff and the children can be really proud of this achievement; it is a real acknowledgement of all the hard work and effort that has gone into reaching this judgement at this stage on the journey of continuous improvement under Mr. Sierant's leadership.
Mr N Hunt Chair of Governors.

An inspection makes a judgement of a school across 4 key areas. These are:-
Effectiveness of leadership and management – *This was judged as 'good'.*
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment – *This was judged as 'good'.*
Personal development, behaviour and welfare – *This was judged as 'good'.*
Outcomes for pupils – *This was judged as 'good'.*



The overall effectiveness of the school was therefore judged to be 'good'.

Next



Having reached this milestone on our continuous journey of improvement, we are not sitting back and thinking 'job done'. I am producing an action plan to address things we need to improve. We are going to build on our strengths and look to create exciting and creative ways for all our pupils to learn. We want to enable them to live up to our motto of –

'Love School - Love Learning'

Thank you to all parents who went online and completed 'Parent View' for the Ofsted Inspection Team. It was lovely to see the results which showed a very positive view of the school from you. The report says **'the large majority of parents agreed or strongly agreed that the school is well led and managed.'** It also says **'parents agree or strongly agree that their children are taught well and make good progress.'**



If you go to the school website and click on the 'Parents' tab you will then be able to scroll down and click on our latest Ofsted Report. Here you can read the full report for yourself. It is the same report that we receive. You can comment online or you may have questions to ask after reading it - if you do then please come into school and ask to see me OR ask me at our forthcoming Parents Evenings.
If you would like a paper copy, please inform us and we will provide a copy for you.

You can learn much more about what has been happening in school by visiting the school website.

www.manorfarmschool.org

There is the opportunity on the website for you to add your comments on what you see on there. It is important for us to hear what you think about what we do for your children.