

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following our recent inspection by Ofsted, I am pleased to be able to share with you the Inspector's letter, which confirms that Redhill Primary School continues to be a good and improving school with effective leadership.

The letter is now available on the school website and will be published on the Ofsted website on 14th December 2017.

I would like to thank all of the parents and carers who shared their positive comments with the Inspector and also those of you who took the time to share your views on Parent View, Ofsted's online questionnaire for parents. Your input is greatly appreciated and the Inspector commented that *"the vast majority of parents are appreciative of the school's quality of care and the focus on the well-rounded development of children"*.

The Inspector acknowledged the effectiveness of the Headteacher, the Senior Leadership Team and the Governors in driving school improvement and in setting clear priorities for the school that maintain a strong focus on pupil's progress and well-being. He could see that the Headteacher is determined to ensure that pupils at Redhill receive the best possible education.

I am very pleased that the Inspector was able to see, in just one day, the factors that make Redhill special. Some of the comments he made were:-

- *"Sport, art and music strongly feature in school life and play an important part in pupil's development"*
- *"Pupils at Redhill Primary School enjoy being part of a stimulating and caring learning community, which offers an orderly, pleasant and safe atmosphere. Pupils are enthusiastic about all aspects of their school life"*

The Inspector also made comments to me during his visit, stating that this was a school going places with many outstanding features.

Safety of the pupils is of paramount importance to School Leaders and Governors and consequently, the culture of safeguarding is a real strength of our school. This was confirmed by the Inspector who commented:-

- *"the leadership team has ensured that all safeguarding arrangements are fit for purpose and records are detailed and of high quality"*
- *"The school has a strong culture of safeguarding"*

I am pleased to see that the inspection letter rightly recognises the real strength of the school's provision for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.

The Inspector was able to see that the level of progress for our pupils is good. He was also able to see that following a dip in the attainment of pupils at Key Stage 2 in mathematics in 2016, rigorous and robust strategies had been put into place by the Headteacher and the Maths Subject Leader and that these had been effective in raising the attainment of pupils in 2017. The Inspector confirmed that:

- *"The actions you have taken are having a positive impact. There is clear evidence that the teaching in reading and mathematics is improving."*

School Leaders and Governors are resolutely committed to ensuring that the identified next steps for the school will be met and we will do everything in our power to continue to raise attainment. Redhill is very fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and committed staff who focus not only on ensuring that our children make progress and achieve their full potential but also on teaching them core values that will ensure that by the time they leave Redhill, they are well-rounded individuals ready to embark upon the next stage in their education journey. The caring ethos of the school is what makes it truly special.

I hope that you will all take the time to read through the Inspector's letter. If there are any aspects of it you would wish to discuss further then please contact either Mrs Lamb or myself via the school office.

I hope you have an enjoyable festive break and once again I thank all parents and carers for supporting our work because without that positive partnership, the children would not flourish as they do.

Kind Regards

Beth Tutchener-Ellis

Chair of Governors