



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong

Diocese of Plymouth

1st December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend the meeting on Tuesday evening with regard to the recent OFSTED inspection of the school. The meeting was part of a growing commitment to close any distance between parental concerns and the running of the school.

As a school community we accept the findings of the report and we now turn our attention to the important work that needs to be done in order to improve those areas which have been identified as requiring improvement.

As the theme of "communication" was raised at the meeting we would like to inform you of the next steps in the process of school improvement so that you can be clear about what is happening here at St. Mary's.

Firstly, the Senior Leadership Team, supported by CAST and our School Improvement Partner (John Cavill), are writing a detailed action plan to address the specific concerns raised in the report.

In terms of external events, we expect an interim monitoring visit from OFSTED within six months to check that these actions are in place and are having an impact. We then expect another OFSTED inspection within two years.

Internally within the school, there will be a series of meetings held in the Spring Term to address the following themes:

- Provision for able children.
- Expectations and standards for year groups (What should my child be able to do in year x?).
- School and home working effectively on tables and spellings.

We will also be writing to you shortly with a synopsis of the questions raised on the post it notes distributed during the meeting.

Finally, please may we remind you of the URGENT NEED FOR MORE GOVERNORS TO JOIN THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY HOLDING THE SCHOOL TO ACCOUNT.

Please consider volunteering for this vital role as it is by far the most effective way to bring about the effectiveness of the parent voice. More details will follow shortly, whereby all interested people will be invited to a meeting to find out more about the role.

Once again, thank you to all those of you who have communicated their thoughts and feelings this week; we will go on to build a stronger school with your children's best interests at its heart.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Desmier, Chair of Governors.

Headteacher (on behalf of the Senior Leadership Team).



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