



## ST MARY'S BENTWORTH C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I am absolutely delighted to be able to share with you our Ofsted report from January 2016 that clearly recognises the journey that we have taken over the past three years and the successes achieved.

Ofsted understood how we are 'passionate about the children being at the heart of everything you do' and celebrated the 'strong sense of community and relationships between parents, staff, governors and pupils'. They saw how we have 'unwavering determination to maintain standards by securing high-quality teachers'. The report recognises the influence Mrs Dumelow had over her many years of commitment and dedication but also recognises the clear impact of Miss Baker. Very well deserved on both accounts. Teachers and teaching assistants also receive many positive comments around 'enjoyable lessons' and 'thorough knowledge of individual pupils' situations' as well as 'the challenges that are provided through the 'nuts' system'- it does give the holistic view that is given to every single child.

I am proud of our pupils who were recognised for their behaviour and their approach to learning - 'Pupils behave well and approach learning and activities with confidence....apply themselves well...'. They did share some wonderful examples on the day of the visit, giving a great overview of their experiences so far.

I would like to say a huge thank you to my wonderful team who saw this as a challenge and showed our pupils true resilience in an important situation. Every single member of staff supported each other and it was actually quite a special occasion to share professionally. Thank you to the Governors, who 'know the school very well', for their support and hard work every term for the benefit of our pupils.

Many thanks to all those parents who were able to contribute their views about St Mary's in the Parentview on-line survey and who took the opportunity to talk to the Ofsted Inspector at the start of the Inspection day. Your contribution to the Inspector's understanding of St Mary's is noted in the report.

Moving forward, I will be holding a Parents Forum to discuss the report and to give parents the opportunity to support the development points which are in our School Development Plan.

As always, thank you for your support and enjoy the read!

Yours sincerely,

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