

Press Release

Hungerford Primary School celebrates its Ofsted 'Good' grading

The governors & staff of Hungerford Primary School are celebrating a 'Good' grading from Ofsted inspectors after an intense 2 year programme spearheaded by Headteacher, Gerry Heaton. Mr Heaton said:

"We are thrilled that the inspectors agreed with our own self-evaluations and we were graded as 'good' in all categories, with our Foundation Stage, Leadership and Management and our caring ethos coming out as particular strengths.

The comments of the inspectors and the report reflect the huge journey the school has undertaken since our last inspection in January 2014 and we are very grateful for the incredible hard work and achievements of the entire school staff and the children and also for the continuing positivity and support of you, our parents and carers."

Mr Heaton took over the school just days before the previous inspection, which graded the school as 'Requires Improvement'. The inspectors noted that he and his leadership team have worked incredibly hard in the intervening couple of years to drive school improvement, which has resulted in good pupil progress throughout the school.

The inspectors were particularly impressed with how well the teachers are able to assess the progress of their pupils. This ensures they are able to plan interesting lessons which are accurately matched to their current learning needs. The teaching of these lessons was graded as good throughout the school.

The inspectors made special mention of the strong community values within the school and its highly inclusive nature. They were very impressed by governors' and senior leadership's determination to maintain and enhance the school's role as an integral part of the local community, to make the school outstanding and therefore be the preferred choice for parents to send their children. Mr Heaton said: "We are pleased that the inspectors highlighted the same four key areas needed to achieve this which the school had already identified, so we were already working hard on them to become outstanding."

The inspectors noted that the local authority, West Berkshire Council, has worked in close partnership with the school. Councillor Dominic Boeck, West Berkshire's Portfolio Holder for Education said: "I'm very pleased that Hungerford Primary School has been recognised as a good school. In particular, I welcome the good progress being made by disadvantaged pupils which will give them the best possible start in life and that pupils say they like the school and enjoy their lessons. I congratulate the whole school community on this good report."

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