

## Cliffe VC Primary School

## November 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

I know that you will be delighted with the 'good' outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection. The report was well written and accurately describes our school and recognises its many strengths.

The report is a testament to the school staff who have worked so hard to make the improvements needed. It is also a credit to the children who are so proud of their school and enjoy their learning. The governors have also pushed hard and challenged the school to improve month by month and they have. It has been particularly difficult because there have been so many changes from the government to assessment and the curriculum while the budget gets tighter each year.

So well done to everyone!

The improvements will not stop here. There is always more to do and more to achieve. The governors will continue to monitor and challenge the school staff to make sure that your child's education is the best it can be. We will be discussing the outcome of the recent questionnaires so that we know what your concerns are.

One of the biggest challenges we face as Governors is the increasing numbers in a small building. This has been an item on our agenda all year and will continue to be until we can resolve the issue. Be assured that we will try to make improvements and expand the building but we know that this may take some time. In the meantime, staff make the best use of the space they have.

We also know that many parents would like a before and after school club and as you know we are working with Young Discoverers to make this happen as soon as possible.

Teaching and learning is, of course, our main priority and we will continue to monitor this to ensure that it continues to improve.

So, while Ofsted has been and gone, we haven't! The governors are a committed group who work in the background to support and challenge Mrs Hay and her team.

Please contact us if you would like to discuss any of the issues raised here, or others, further.

Yours faithfully

Carole Middleton Chair of Governors











