

# ST MARYCHURCH C.E. PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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*Our Christian values:*

*Joy*

*Kindness*

*Love*

*Peace*

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Dear Parents,

## **Ofsted Monitoring Visit**

We recently received a visit from one of Her Majesty's Inspectors for Schools as a monitoring visit. I am very pleased to report, quoting from his subsequent letter, that:

**'Having considered all the evidence I am of the opinion that at this time the school has made good progress in making improvements, and good progress in demonstrating a better capacity for sustained improvement.'**

The main points were:

- Standards in English and Science were above national averages in 2009 and significantly above in Maths.
- Improved tracking of pupil progress
- Targeted intervention for individual pupils and groups
- Precise monitoring of classroom practice

But above all

**'Renewed emphasis on creating more effective conditions for learning and an expectation that all pupils will achieve, have resulted in rising standards and pupils making good progress throughout the school.'**

Also:

**'The quality of lesson planning has resulted in motivated and enthusiastic pupils who concentrate well and apply themselves to their work and thus they make good progress in acquiring knowledge, skills and understanding in individual lessons and over time in English, mathematics and science.'**

Other comments:

- Planned opportunities for developing or applying precise vocabulary
- Good attention is paid to encouraging speaking and listening
- Good progress has been made in securing more pupils achieving higher levels in National Curriculum tests

Finally the HMI states that the school has good capacity for further improvement because senior leaders, middle managers and governors have an accurate picture of

the school strengths and areas for improvement as a result of honest and robust systems for self evaluation.

What does he ask us to work on?

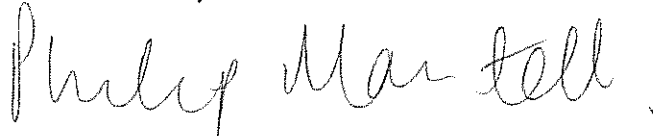
- Ensure that teaching is consistently good in all parts of the school
- Develop our marking and feedback policy further

But he finishes the letter with:

**'There is a strong commitment from all concerned to securing continuous improvement'**

I hope you are as pleased with this as we are.

Yours sincerely



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