



Holly Lodge



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Dear Parents and Carers

I am just writing to inform you of our great news following our last OFSTED inspection on 14th February 2017. I can now tell you that in OFSTED's words "**The school continues to be good**". This is a great reflection on the hard work of the staff of this school and the quality and character of our students. There are so many positive quotes in this report that I would ask you to read it directly for yourself on our school website. The live link to OFSTED is not active until early next week but a copy of the report is on our website now.

The report shows

"...leadership team are fully committed to creating a culture of continuous school improvement..."

That our students are:

"well behaved"

"engaged enthusiastically with their learning".

They commented also on how polite and courteous our students were to each other around the school.

May I also take the opportunity to highlight the following matters :

Parental Drop IN

The parental drop in originally scheduled for Monday 13th March between 5.00pm and 7.00pm is now between 9.30am and 12.00 noon on Tuesday 14th March 2017. We regularly hold "drop ins" at school for parents to discuss whole school issues. During this drop in you can discuss any further points/questions you may have regarding our recent OFSTED inspection.

Democracy and the Local Community

Since the school is doing a lot of work with democracy and winning the Democracy Award from Sandwell Council, we have been doing some additional work with local



Councillors. We now have in Reception a Suggestion Box to encourage parents, carers and students to note any concerns or recommendations that they may have regarding the local community, this may be done anonymously or with personal details attached. These suggestions will be regularly collected by the Councillors and the matters looked into.

Parent Governor Vacancies

May I also take this opportunity to request any parent who would like to volunteer as a Parent Governor to approach us.

This is a marvellous opportunity to get an insight into the running school and work with the senior leadership of a good school if you are interested in this please contact Mrs E Dorsett, Headteacher's PA on edorsett@holly-lodge.org or telephone her on 0121 558 0691.

As Head I would like to thank all parents for their support and the staff of our school for their hard work and dedication. Getting "Good" again shows that Holly Lodge is fulfilling its aim of being able to provide high quality education and success for all.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "P. Shone".

P Shone
Headteacher