

As the roots spread so the tree grows

11th October 2013

Dear Parents and Carers

You will be aware of our recent inspection by Ofsted on 25 and 26 September 2013. Firstly on behalf of the school and governors may I say many thanks to all those of you who shared your opinions and feelings about our school via Parent View on the Ofsted website. Your comments were overwhelmingly positive, and the inspectors commented that we had one of the highest scores they had ever seen for 'recommending the school to others'.

Attached is a copy of the full report by Ofsted and we are pleased to have received a very positive report awarding us a '**Good**' rating. We received this rating across all of the categories (Achievement of Pupils, Quality of Teaching, Behaviour & Safety of Pupils and Leadership & Management).

The Ofsted inspection is a rigorous one and included 19 lesson observations, meetings with pupils, parents, senior management, governors and the local authority. The inspectors also undertook an examination of a variety of children's work, data and staff, pupil & parent questionnaires.

During the inspection our children were a credit to the school both in lessons and when talking with the inspectors and we are very proud of them. All of the staff worked extremely hard and we recognise all the efforts they continue to make to ensure Alwyn Infant School continues to be a 'Good' school, especially given the ever more stringent guidelines that Ofsted now follow.

We are pleased that the report highlights

- All our children make good progress and achieve well in their personal and academic development during their time at school
- Our teaching is good or better in nearly all classes and the children are motivated to learn
- Our Early Years provision in Little Alwyn has been recognised as Outstanding
- Our school has strong leadership and is extremely popular in the community

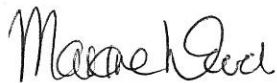
As a governing body we will be spending some time with the senior management team discussing the inspection and looking at the areas for further improvement and we will continue to support the Headteacher and staff to further achieve in those areas.

Page 2

The full report from Ofsted will be available on their website in the next few days, we will also load it onto our school website.

If you wish to discuss any of the report in greater detail please contact either Miss Cale or myself (via the School Office) and we will answer any questions you may have.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maxine Wood', written in a cursive style.

Maxine Wood
Chair of Governors