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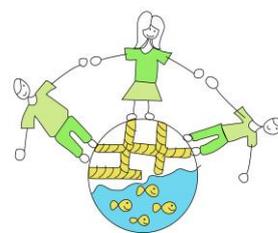
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Headteacher: **Mrs Debbie Brown** 'Believing in a world of possibilities'



Dear BPS families,

April 2016

Since our inspection (Nov 2014) we have been linked to a Senior Area Advisor who has visited us each half term to monitor our progress towards Ofsted targets. Jane Stanier knows the school well and has been a supportive yet challenging visitor to BPS.

Her latest visit on 23rd March 2016 was to carry out an evidence trail to validate key areas of school improvement and the impact of the school development plan. She left us with a report that confirmed the school's current self-evaluation in which we categorize ourselves as a GOOD school in Ofsted terms.

We were proud to invite her into all classes and to scrutinise books across the school, assess pupils' learning behaviours and determine the strength of the school ethos. She spent the day with us and fed back to myself, Jane Delany and David Powell (chair of gov's). The following are some of the statements she made in her report to us and the impact of the work we have done in the last 16 months (this report is available in full from the school office).

Statements from the report:

Teaching, learning and assessment

Pupil engagement is good, there is evidence of good learning and progress in pupils' books (data supports this).

Presentation in books is of a high standard. There is strong evidence of a consistency of approach across the school.

From Reception to Year 6 pupils take responsibility for their own spelling corrections and improvement. There is a consistent approach with age-specific variations.

Marking and feedback is of a good standard. Marking and feedback is manageable for staff, meaningful for pupils and appears to be making a difference in terms of learning and progress.

There is good evidence of differentiated group work taking place, supported effectively by teaching assistants.

There is good evidence of appropriate interventions and additional provision being used.

The learning environment in classrooms and communal spaces is of a very high standard.

Whole school curriculum approaches and topic engage children across the school and promote creative learning.

Behaviour for learning

Children are positive about their learning.

Lessons provide opportunities for talk for learning

Teaching and resources show the school's approach to encouraging independent learning and pupil choice.

The school's system for promoting positive behaviour is consistently used.

Transition times are orderly.

The school's ethos and values are evident throughout the school. Children speak confidently about the 6R's and understand what is expected of themselves and others.

Parental Engagement

The school works closely with parents and creates opportunities to develop relationships, share information and further develop parental engagement. The Home Learning Zone is a good development.

There is good evidence of the impact of the Family Support Worker.

General points

There is a strong 'buzz of professionalism' about the way in which the school works.

It is clear that the school has developed and is now embedding good practise leading to improved outcomes.

A professional and effective approach is taken towards all aspects of school improvement, monitoring and evaluation.

School leaders have high expectations of staff and pupils, set within a rights respecting culture. There is clarity about the vision for the school and its development going forward as an academy.

Consistency of practice is exceptionally strong. Staff are clear about policies and practise and employ good practices to support pupil progress.

Actions to be taken

Maintain the school development plan.

Continue to embed good practice.

Review more recent initiatives (Talk4writing) to ensure impact and further development.

We will obviously continue to work together to improve our school. Thank you for your ongoing support in all we do, it is much appreciated.

Debbie Brown
Headteacher (Bridport Primary School)