



24th May 2013

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am sure you will all be eager to hear the outcome of our recent Ofsted Inspection and I am delighted to report that we have been judged to be 'good' with behaviour and safety being judged as 'outstanding.' This is a tremendous achievement, particularly under the new more challenging education framework, but it is one that the entire school community truly deserves. I am elated that the inspectors recognised the tireless hard work, commitment, dedication and diligent professionalism that occur every day and how the school has improved because of the relentless drive for excellence. Ofsted also recorded that all pupils overall make good progress from Early Years to Year 6, despite varying starting points and additional needs, because teaching is consistently of a very high standard. Additionally, they acknowledged that the school environment is vibrant and welcoming and learning is fun, behaviour is exemplary and pupils are overwhelmingly positive about life in school, are well cared for and feel safe.

Our "good" judgement will not bring complacency and we all continue to share a constant desire for improvement.

I know you will agree when I say the good result across all measures and behaviour being outstanding is no mean feat and I hope you will share in celebrating our success and be as proud of our brilliant school as I am. It is the team effort and determination of all the children, staff, parents and governors that make Merrylands a school to be proud of.

I frequently say it is a privilege and pleasure to be the headteacher at Merrylands and to lead the team, indeed it is a very special place because of everyone who is associated with the school and I know we will go from strength to strength through whatever challenges the future presents.

The report will be on the website shortly and available from the 6th June on the Ofsted website. A paper copy is available at the school office if you wish to read it.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Tobin
Headteacher

