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Governors' Newsletter May 2024

An "Outstanding" Report from Ofsted

First of all, the Governors would like to congratulate St James' on such an amazing Ofsted report. As I'm sure you are all aware, Ofsted visited the school just before Easter and their report was full of praise for the school. While our official grading remains "Good", Ofsted reported that there is evidence of outstanding practices happening in the school.

The school has gone from strength to strength over recent years, making ambitious changes not only to the curriculum, but in how all children are taught, cared for and given opportunities to thrive. The Ofsted report echoes the positive feedback that we hear from parents, and as Governors we are so proud to be part of such a wonderful school community.

On behalf of the Governors I would like to say a big thank you and well done to Mrs Moore for her outstanding leadership, and to all the amazing staff at St James' for their commitment, dedication and passion for education.

Summer Term

It is lovely to see all the opportunities the children have to enhance their learning. This half term there has been a trip to a wildlife park, a visit from Pet Encounter, and of course the Hawse End residential for Year 2. Well done also to all

the children who took part in the Whitehaven Music Festival to recite a poem.

A good education doesn't just happen in the classroom; exploring the outside world and connecting with the local community are vital to a child's learning and development.

Governor Meetings and Visits

Some of our Governors have visited school to monitor different areas, including phonics, history, RE, SEND and early years. There is so much positive work going on within the school to enhance each area of the curriculum.

Our subject monitoring visits involve a 3 step process; we talk to the subject lead, look at books and work that has been completed, and we meet with a small group of children to chat about what they have learned. The children always have such enthusiasm for learning and are proud of their work.

Have a lovely half term

Thank you to all the staff at St James' for another wonderful term. We hope that all the children, parents, families and staff have a lovely half term break, and we know there will be lots more exciting things to come in the last half term of the year.

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