



Parent Link

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Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope by now you have had the opportunity to read our OFSTED report which came through to us this week. Having spent the majority of the 2 days of inspection with the team reviewing the school, I was very pleased that the process was very well run, and that the conclusions drawn were entirely in line with what I and the leadership team considered. There are many positives highlighted within the report, but I think the message that was repeated most often throughout the inspection was how warm and beneficial the relationships of children with staff are. Our strapline of Success Through Wellbeing was seen interwoven in so many of our practices, and as a school leader that gives me great pride. We care deeply about the wellbeing of our children and young people and know from our discussions with you that we cannot see any kind of progress unless this is right – be that physical, medical, social or emotional wellbeing. Our staff are fundamental to making this a reality, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognise what a great job they do, and what an impact they have.

Should further proof have been needed of this, it came in the shape of a rather unusual snow event on Tuesday afternoon when the largest snowflakes I can recall seeing landed in the High Wycombe area at about 2:45 pm. The town descended into transport chaos, and once again I was hugely grateful to a large number of staff who stayed beyond their contracted hours to provide a reassuring and safe space for the children while we worked out solutions. Our last pupil left the school at 8 pm. I have to acknowledge how committed the vast majority of taxi companies were too, as they battled through traffic to pick the children up. Back to OFSTED – my humble thanks to all parents who either spoke to an inspector and/or completed the online survey. Inspectors noted how many of you had recognised a big change in your children since coming to the school.
Bradley Taylor (Headteacher)

Spring Term 2019 dates

Half term Saturday 16th February – Sunday 24th February
End of Spring term: Friday 5th April

PLEASE NOTE

**SCHOOL WILL BE SHUT TO PUPILS ON THE FOLLOWING INSET DAYS:
MONDAY 28th AND TUESDAY 29th JANUARY**

Dates for your diaries:

Wednesday 30th January (Downley) and 6th February (Cressex), 9:15 am – PPP workshop, run by Claire May
Thursday 31st January - TACPAC workshop (Cressex), run by Hannah Goldsmith
Tuesday 5th (Downley) and 12th (Cressex) February – Epilepsy workshop, run by school nurses
Thursday 7th February 4-7 pm – Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13th February – Rainbow/Little Wings Stay and Play (Cressex site)
Monday 11th March 12:30 – 3 pm - Everyday 1st aid (Downley site)

Message from Bridget Ledson, Chair of Governors

I write from a Governing Body perspective on our recent Ofsted visit. At their verbal debrief they were impressed by our dedication and the time we spend in it, asking sometimes difficult questions to both support and challenge the leadership teams. We all share in congratulating Bradley, the staff and the whole school for a great GOOD result. Two of the three Ofsted inspectors are former SEN heads which makes their praise all the more meaningful. What a fantastic end to the week.

Bridget Ledson
Chair of Governors

