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To all Parents/Carers,

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As I am sure you are all aware, Ofsted were inspecting the school earlier in the week – finally departing on Wednesday Evening about 6:30pm.

Their visit, although you can never really predict when they might arrive, was a little sooner than we expected but that is how it goes sometimes! What I do want to say, before I say what I am 'permitted' by Ofsted to say, is a huge well done and thank you to the children. Those positive behaviours and attitudes that we recognise and celebrate on a daily basis were in full flow for the inspectors to see and he was full of praise for the way in which the children move around school, talk to one another, talk to the adults in school and generally respect what is around them. In summary, they were amazing!

A big thank you also to all of you who filled out the Parentview questionnaire. You can see the results for yourself but it was nice to see how positive you continue to feel about the school; which was also verified by the conversations he had with parents/carers on the playground. It can take up to five weeks for the report to finally be published so what I plan to do is give you a brief overview of what the report will look like. For those of you that work in education, for those of you that know a bit about how Ofsted works or for those of you who have typed Ofsted into Google, how they inspect and what they focus on, certainly since September, has changed. It's quite complicated but I will do my best to explain it all either next week or early before we break up. Another positive they spoke about was our strong commitment towards inclusion. This was reflected in the Parentview as well but most importantly, was reflected in what the children had to say when he spoke to them. They talked about feeling 'safe' and 'happy' and how much they 'loved their learning'. In some ways, what more could you ask for! Like I said, there is lots more to celebrate and a few areas to develop but you'll have to wait a little longer for all that extra detail!

On a similar type of note, our results from Summer 2019 are now on the website; namely Good Level of Development in FS2, Y1 Phonics, Reading Writing and Maths in Y2 and Reading, Writing, SPaG and Maths in Y6. We are incredibly proud of the children's achievements and this year, our combined results for Y6 in Reading, Writing and Maths was the third highest in the city at 84% – our best yet!

<http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/School-Results>

In other news, and I would normally have this as the main headline, yesterday was World Mental Health Day in school – most notably identified by everyone wearing yellow!! Throughout the day the children were invited to take part in various activities which improved mental wellbeing and then they made their way to a whole school assembly with myself at 2:30pm. There are quite a few tweets on our Twitter feed so take a look (example on the right). It was a great day and the children spoke very positively about what they had learnt and how they plan to look after themselves and others even better in the future. Thanks again for all your support.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mr I. Johnson