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Dear parents / guardians,

Ofsted Inspection 6-7 December 2016

I am delighted to share with you the outcomes of our Ofsted Inspection on 6 and 7 December.

The school was graded as Good in all aspects, an improvement on the previous Ofsted in October 2014. The full Report is available for you to read on the school website and will be published on the official Ofsted website in five working days.

The Report reads very positively and acknowledges the hard work of everybody associated with St Leonard's. The staff and governors have responded incredibly positively to the changes that have been made in the last sixteen months, putting children's learning at the centre of all that we do whilst maintaining the high levels of pastoral care which the school is rightly proud of. The children too have been a delight, well behaved and eager to learn, and we have benefitted from the interest and commitment of parents who have responded to invitations to see the children at work and at play. Thank you all for your support.

Here are a few notable comments from the Ofsted Report:

"...the school has improved since the previous inspection and its performance continues to improve."

"The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Pupils' safety and well-being are given top priority."

"Teaching quality is good and is characterised by brisk, purposeful pace and high expectations of pupils' behaviour'."

"All groups of pupils make good progress from their starting points across reading, writing and mathematics and in all year groups."

"The behaviour of pupils is good. Pupils respect others and get on well together. "

"Provision for children in the early years foundation stage is good. Children make strong progress."

We are heartened that the school's improvement has been recognised and you have our assurance that we will continue to work hard to improve outcomes for our children still further in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Blackwell

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