

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers and Children,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of Term 3. We hope that you all had a good break, and are ready for the start of another exciting term ahead.

Our term has already started in a really positive way, and it is our delight to be able to now share with you the final report following our Ofsted inspection at the end of last term. Below you will see a letter from Mrs Stacey and Mr Fry which sets out the outcome of the report (which is attached to this letter), and we believe that it is important that they are the ones that share this news with you.

“Dear Parents and carers,

Following our recent Ofsted inspection in November, **we are delighted to announce that St Mary Redcliffe Primary has been graded as GOOD across all areas of the framework.** The school has been on a journey of improvement since 2016 and, since joining DBAT and the formation of our Academy Council in 2017, the school has made huge strides to improve the quality of education for our children.

As new leaders, we appreciate how much change there has been in the school during the past 5 years. This has certainly not been an easy journey but through the continued support from the community, the Academy Council and the Trust, and a highly dedicated teaching team our school has been able to improve. The report states that “there is a strong sense of community and belonging at the school” and “the school’s vision of rooted in love is central to life at St Mary Redcliffe”. We are incredibly proud that our school’s ethos has been recognised and, despite all the challenges that Covid has thrown at us, we have remained strong as a community to enable our children to thrive.

The feedback from the inspection highlighted those areas of development from the previous report have been addressed and are now areas of strength in the school. As you are aware, reading has been a key focus for the school and we are pleased that the inspectors commented on the strong reading culture at SMR. Furthermore, the report states that children feel safe and enjoy coming to school.

As a leadership team we felt that the inspection was a fair and positive process and reflects us well as a school. Since our last inspection, there has been a huge amount of work around our curriculum intent, implementation and impact. To build on this further, we are now reviewing our curriculum to ensure that all leaders across the school have a secure understanding of the foundations to learning in the early years.

As a school we are immensely proud of all the hard work that children, staff, parents, Academy Council members, the Trust and the wider community have undertaken that has enabled us to make this progress since 2016. We thank you for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated and we look forward to continuing our journey of improvement.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Meg Stacey and Mr Kevin Fry

Co-Heads of School”

We are absolutely delighted with the outcomes, and so proud of the leadership, staff, and the Academy Council for the significant roles that they have played in ensuring that Ofsted were able to see just how good our school really is. This judgement marks a significant milestone for St Mary Redcliffe CofE Primary School after a long period of change and development, and should very much be celebrated.

Our congratulations to everyone, and our thanks to you all for your ongoing support of the school. This report gives us a new platform from which to improve further, and we are really looking forward to the next phase of our development as a school.

Please read the report carefully, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

With kind regards

Sam Mongon

Chair of Academy Council

Jez Piper

CEO, DBAT