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3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have received information that school received notification from Ofsted that an inspection of both School and Residential provision took place this week. I would like to thank all of you who were able to complete and return the parent questionnaire. Similarly, I would also like to thank the pupils for their returned questionnaires. During the inspection pupil voice was really positive and clear. I had the opportunity to thank all pupils who took part in the inspection for their support during the Friday Gold Star celebration assembly.

The next stages of the inspection process are quite lengthy. The draft report will be available to Governors following a series of quality assurance and factual accuracy checks up to 30 days after the inspection. The timeline for the residential report is similar at 28 days.

Parents evening turnout was higher than usual this year. I understand that life is very busy but am grateful for the effort and commitment from families and carers to attend parents evening. The feedback you have provided has been fed back by staff. It is more than pleasing to hear your comments and how well you feel your children are doing in school. There have been huge breakthroughs for pupils during the year. We will build on these as the year progresses. My thanks to all support staff who were able to remain to support parents evening, but in particular to Mrs Brookes and Mrs Goodall, who work with Miss Badzire, who unfortunately is absent. They remained for the whole of parents evening.

Whilst the inspection has taken up a significant part of the week, the school timetable has run as normal. '**World Book Day**', which aims to highlight and promote the 'Love of reading and reading for pleasure', took place on Thursday. Pupils (and staff) arrived in an array of costumes reflecting their favourite characters- this included 'Matilda', Mr Fitzsimmons as 'D'Artagnan' and a 7ft Dinosaur! My thanks to Mr Fitzsimmons for organising this event.

Next week is National Careers Week. There is a full range of activities that pupils will have the opportunity to access and encourage them to start thinking about the future, their ambitions and how to get there. Thank you to Mrs Johnson, our in house independent Careers Advisor for organising this event.

I wish you a good weekend.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr McCann**  
Head Teacher



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