



St Leonard's C.E. Primary School

"Nurturing Faith and Inspiring Success"

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Dear all,

I am now able to share the final report from our recent school inspection. Ofsted have judged the school to be **"outstanding"** in all categories.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, governors, children and their families for their sustained contribution in helping our school to be awarded this judgment and for their contribution to the inspection itself.

I have stated many times that I recognise that Ofsted has a duty to categorise our school, but that we are not defined or limited by their conclusions. Instead, we are defined by our Christian foundation, by our 204 years of history, by our own vision and by our own core purpose of giving our children the best that we can in order to prepare them for their independent futures. As such, whilst I'm certainly very pleased with the outcome, my job is to ensure that we continue to improve. Those working within the school will take the chance to celebrate this successful outcome, but we will do so in the spirit of thanksgiving rather than triumph. All schools have changes in performance at different periods in their history – so there will be no *"Ofsted Outstanding"* banner hanging over our railings because, whilst that may be what we currently are, it will never be who we are or why we're here.

Nevertheless, I naturally take great pleasure in supplying you with this report, as it serves as a witness to the dedication and talent of our fantastic staff, the work of our children and the support of our governors, parents and whole school community. I also recognise the significance of the fact that this is the first time in the 25 years since Ofsted was formed that St Leonard's has been awarded this grade. As such, the wider community can be rightly proud of its school and I can only apologise if the local house prices go up!

It is my privilege to serve this school community and to lead its staff. This moment is for you and for all those past and present who consider St Leonard's to be a special part of their lives. Congratulations!

Kind regards,

Mr Simon Jackson

Headteacher

