



'Where Learning Is Fun'

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Dear Families,

We are absolutely delighted to share Holbrook's Ofsted report with you all. It really is testament to the hard work of the whole school community over the past few years.

In 2017 Holbrook was judged by Ofsted to be 'Good' under the Common Inspection Framework (since September 2019 Ofsted have been judging school's using the Education Inspection Framework which involves more stringent criteria). At that time, the school was given 7 specific improvement points. The first 3 were about ensuring consistency in effective teaching of reading across the school, ensuring that:

- Pupils particularly in KS2 achieve as well in reading as they are able
- Teachers provide regular opportunities to widen pupils' reading experiences
- Pupils, particularly in Y5 and Y6 read regularly and for sustained periods of time, reading texts that challenge their thinking

Our 2022 report says the following about reading:

- "Leaders ensure that reading has a high profile in the school...Children enjoy reading a wide range of books...Pupils know why it is important to read. One young pupil said, 'reading grows your brain.'...adults have the necessary expertise and skills to teach pupils to read well....There is clear enjoyment of reading. Older pupils read a range of texts that have themes they find interesting and relevant..."

The second 4 development points given in 2017 were about strengthening leadership and management and improving safeguarding:

- Ensuring all leaders monitor the impact of actions they have taken to improve pupil outcomes
- Ensuring leaders check accuracy of teacher assessment and use assessment to identify emerging priorities
- Developing leaders at all levels so they fully understand the parts they play in whole school improvement



- Ensuring a wide range of actions that the school takes to safeguard pupils is carefully recorded to give a clearer overview, and is regularly monitored

Our 2022 report says the following about these development points:

- “Leaders are ambitious for pupils’ academic and personal development. They have constructed a curriculum that provides a broad and interesting education. It provides opportunities for pupils to link what they learn both to their own community and more widely...leaders have thought carefully about the important knowledge they want pupils to learn from reception up to the end of Year 6. Teachers have the training and expertise to teach effectively. Teachers use assessment well to check what pupils have learned. They spot where pupils have misunderstandings and adapt their teaching and planning to address these quickly.”

- “Leaders have established a culture where safeguarding is in everyone’s thoughts... Leaders act swiftly to keep pupils safe...Governors ensure that all the checks required before an adult works in the school are completed thoroughly. They regularly check that staff and pupils know how to report concerns...Pupils feel safe...they are knowledgeable about potential risks.”

Obviously, we are really pleased to have actioned all the given development points but some of our proudest comments from our most recent report are:

“Pupils achieve well in a wide range of subjects by the end of Year 6 and are well prepared for the next stage of their education.” “Pupils with SEND get the support required to meet their needs.”

“Pupils behave well, are courteous and polite.” “There are many opportunities for pupils to pursue their interests and take on extra responsibilities.” “Leaders work to promote pupils’ personal development is strong.”

“Teachers plan groups of lessons to build upon what pupils know and can do.” “Pupils demonstrate that they understand increasingly complex ideas.” “Teachers help pupils to practise and revisit important knowledge frequently. This is particularly strong in mathematics.”

Thank you to the whole school community of pupils, staff, parents and governors for showcasing the wonderful work that goes on at Holbrook Primary School.

Best wishes

Steve Cloke and Chris Perry

