



Dear Parents/Carers

We can officially disclose the result of our recent Ofsted Inspection and I am extremely proud to share the news that Leasowes has been judged to be “Outstanding”.

As many of you know, I have been chairman of Leasowes Governors for a long time so have experienced a number of Ofsted inspections. The inspections have increasing rigour and only a small percentage of schools are graded “Outstanding”. This is therefore a great achievement.

It would be remiss of me to quote some of the verbal feedback from the Inspection team but I cannot envisage a school anywhere receiving greater praise.

The Ofsted inspection is all encompassing and is not just about the teaching and learning. Clearly, this is a very important part, but for a school to receive such praise it is about the entire Leasowes community pulling together. The parental feedback was glowing and some of you will even have been randomly interviewed by one of the Inspectors.

The children are excellent in articulating how much they enjoy school; how safe they feel at school and how the teachers want them to do well. Behaviour is a particular focus and the inspectors were able to see first hand how polite they are and can talk confidentially about their work and Leasowes values.

We are blessed with excellent teachers who have the wellbeing and success of our children at their very core. We have a very strong Senior Leadership Team, where everyone understands their roles in striving for the best outcomes. They are so well led by Mrs Bettany and Mr Coombs who combine to form a formidable team.

I would also like to pay tribute to my fellow Governors and Trustees who fulfil their role impressively.

At the helm of course is Mrs Bettany who is quite an inspirational leader. On the day I offered her the Headteacher’s post I said she had special quality and would lead a school to be Outstanding. I wanted that to be Leasowes. She has certainly delivered those qualities in abundance and with my knowledge of what happens every day at Leasowes, I was very confident in the Ofsted outcome.

It was rather humbling to hear Mrs Bettany and Leasowes spoken of in such glowing terms. We all have a lot to be thankful for and a lot to be very proud of.

We are Leasowes!

Kind regards

Jeff Smith Chair of Governors