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Great News!

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have some great news at the end of the first week back!

As you will remember, the end of last year was particularly busy and exciting for us here at Morley Victoria with brilliant Christmas concerts and festive fun; but also with our visit from Ofsted in early December.

For those of you who have been associated with our school for a long time will know that this has been a much anticipated and long-awaited visit. As a school we have always been both forward and outward facing. Despite the lack of visits from Ofsted we have never stood still; we have always strived for our school to be the best it can possibly be and have invited and welcomed external consultants into school to help us to move forward with our thinking and offer their honest opinion about our school.

We are delighted to announce today that Ofsted have judged the overall effectiveness of our school to be **Outstanding** and we are all absolutely thrilled that the tireless efforts of the whole school community have paid off.

The report is attached for you to read, however, it doesn't go into anywhere as much detail as the feedback session that was given to Governors and Senior Leaders so we wanted you to have a few additional comments that we noted down as well. There were many, but to give you a flavour:

The inspectors could not speak highly enough about the children and said that conversations were genuine and striking. They commented that they would like to 'bottle' what we have at Morley Victoria; that the children gave such depth in their responses; that personal development is vast and goes way beyond what is expected. The children demonstrated that respect and tolerance exist in abundance. They said that our children are just wonderful!

They declared that the relationships in school have been lovely to watch; that staff are passionate, enthusiastic, observant and caring and that they create a culture of feeling safe with a real 'team around the child' approach. They said that staff have high ambition; that their motivation is tangible and that there is a cohesive culture.



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In terms of curriculum, teaching and learning, the inspectors said that the vision is very strong and that the knowledge and skills were obvious to see. They commented that the children are clearly very proud of what they produce; that lessons are well structured and that knowledge is sequenced to clear end points. Curriculum leaders are rich in their subject knowledge; are well informed and trained.

Finally, we must talk about the Leadership and Management of the school (this includes leadership at all levels within school), without whom this judgement would not have been possible. The inspectors commented that leaders have high expectations of themselves and others around them; that the children are clearly at the heart of all decisions made; that there is real tenacity and constant evolution with a collegiate approach.

This is a very proud moment for all of us and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their time, their commitment and their contributions towards making our school the special place that it is – like the inspectors said in the report, 'Morley Victoria is more like a family than a school'. We are currently thinking about how to celebrate this huge achievement and we will let you know the plan in due course.

Yours sincerely

The Morley Victoria Governors



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