

Ofsted Newsletter

We recently welcomed Ofsted into our school for a two day inspection on 5th and 6th February 2020.

Ofsted inspections have changed and a new framework has been introduced. This framework includes a shorter inspection called a Section 8, which is a really good way to judge whether a school remains 'Good'. **We are delighted to share our 'Good' Ofsted judgement report with you.**

The Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body of Hove Junior School once again have valued the incredible support of staff, parents/carers and the whole school community over this period.

The inspector was very pleased with everything she saw and made many positive comments on the 'Quality of Education' including:

- Staff are proud to teach a well-planned curriculum and are committed to bringing 'children's learning to life'. They enjoy teaching at the school and this evidenced by their dedication and passion when talking about the children they are working with.
- There is 'strong evidence of good systemic leadership and an aspirational culture, supporting strong outcomes for pupils and in raising standards for disadvantaged and SEND pupils'.
- Pupil voice is well developed and celebrated at the school – children are listened to.
- Staff CPD is good and staff demonstrated sound subject knowledge.
- Clear connections and sequences of learning are being built, with a focus on skills.
- Strategic thought in the delivery of reading and the teaching of reading is 'alive within the school'.
- Very impressed with the quick response to children transitioning from Year 2 from Year 3, particularly with children with additional needs.
- Staff are ambitious and teachers had thought about cultural capital through their choice of core texts.
- Links between reading and writing is strong and there is a very clear approach.
- Parents are generally happy with the school and have a high level of trust. One parent of a child with SEND said she was 'particularly happy with how her child's needs have been met and couldn't wish for more'. Another family with a child with SEND said the school was like a 'light at the end of the tunnel'.
- Children enjoy their learning and one said they have 'fun teachers who get it just right'.

Our children benefit from a broad and balanced curriculum offer and we are really glad the inspection team highlighted our continued journey with some aspects of the curriculum. There needs to be a continued focus in foundation subjects on helping pupils to build and connect knowledge over time, but this is well underway. As a school we are striving to ensure that knowledge is connected across topics and that learning is retained and deepened over time. We will be continuing to build on the most recent research from OFSTED in metacognition to develop this aspect of our work and CPD with staff.

To read the full report, take a look on our school website - <https://www.hovejuniorschool.co.uk/page/?title=Ofsted&pid=104>. The report will be published on the Ofsted website within five working days.