

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you have all heard the wonderful news about our recent Ofsted visit and the school being graded as 'outstanding' in all 5 key areas. Congratulations to Mrs. Sillence and the whole teaching team for this result. It is so nice to see that their hard work and dedication has been recognised through the official channels.

In my first ILearn with Mrs Quinn over 5 years ago she made it clear that we, as parents, were also part of Team Eling and this has stuck with me all the way through my time here. This result is for all of us, including our children as their behaviour and learning was a big part of the inspection. You should be very proud of them. Thank you to all the parents who filled in the survey, your input was invaluable.

This year, I've had the privilege of spending time with the children on a couple of sporting events and the trip to Portchester Castle. Their ideas are always entertaining and seeing the world through their eyes is always a treat. I have attached a recent picture of the back of the children's T-shirts. When they are out, they are always representing the school, and everyone can clearly see that they are part of 'Team Eling'. What warms my heart is how much they genuinely cheer and celebrate each other. A true reflection of all the values that are taught in school.

We currently have two vacancies on our now 'outstanding' board of governors! It does not necessarily have to be a parent and so if we have any grandparents or friends who may want to get involved this would be great. We are particularly looking for someone who may have a financial management background, but this is not essential. At the last governors' conference, I heard a saying that resonated- 'what is agreed at governors is felt in the classroom'. If you would like to be part of our journey at Eling Infant School, please get in touch with Mrs. Sillence or I.

Kind regards,

Wahida Warshow Chair of Governors

