

# SHIPHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

## **Ofsted Inspection September 2009**

A copy of the report is enclosed. The inspection was carried out under a new schedule introduced in September 2009 which is generally felt to be tougher than the previous one, so an overall judgement of Good with elements of Outstanding is very pleasing. We are particularly delighted that the inspector judged as outstanding both the school's effectiveness of care, guidance and support; and the effectiveness of the school's 'engagement with parents'. These are both areas of great importance to us and it is reassuring to know that we are judged to be doing well.

The three areas for improvement are already identified by the school and Governors and Staff will be looking at them further over the coming months.

The inspector has written to the children as well. I will talk through the letter with them at Golden Assembly today and a copy is also enclosed for you to read with them.

## **Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools**

This inspection – which always runs alongside Ofsted – was conducted yesterday and I know several of you met and talked with the inspector in the playground. We should receive his report before the half-term break.

Life goes on .....!

## **Emergency Closure Procedures**

After the excitements of the snow last winter we need to get our procedures in place again. The system of telephone pyramids worked well last year so we will set these up once more. If you do NOT want your telephone number to be given to another parent as part of the pyramid, please let Mrs Macleod know by the end of next week (Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October).

## **Parents' Consultation Meetings**

These are on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Information and a reply slip have been sent out. Please return the slips on Monday. If you are unable to make that day do talk to your child's teacher to see if it is possible to find another time.

Yours,

A. Gwynn

