

## **Report – April 2024**

### **Sparsholt C of E Primary School**

The school continues to go from strength to strength. We were incredibly proud to have received the top grading of EXCELLENT in our SIAMS Inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) last April especially as we were only the second school in Hampshire to have received this incredibly high accolade. The report was glowing including describing the school as **'A truly inspiring place to learn and work'**.

The report went on to say that opportunities for pupils to develop as independent agents of change were excellent and that the school had a culture of aspiration and supportive relationships which engendered inclusivity, dignity and respect for all. It also said that pupils showed great awareness of their responsibility to care for the environment and finished with the following statement which made the whole school community feel incredibly proud of all that we have achieved:

***One Bible quote which the school uses to inspire pupils is to 'shine like stars in the universe'. The pupils at Sparsholt really do shine and the Christian vision is deeply effective in enabling them to flourish.***

The school's OFSTED inspection which took place in November 2023 mirrored the findings of the SIAMS inspection with the school being graded as OUTSTANDING for both 'Personal Development' and 'Behaviour and Attitudes'. As a school our ethos has always been to ensure we provide the children with excellent opportunities to develop as individuals, to make a positive difference in the world in which they live and to be courageous and compassionate citizens.

Our OFSTED report was glowing and demonstrated what fantastic pupils we have in our school and what a wonderful whole school community we are part of:

It stated:

- Behaviour is exemplary across the school. There are high expectations and pupils learn about excellent conduct.
- Across lessons, pupils work hard and have excellent attitudes to learning.
- The school's approach to character development is exceptional. High-quality opportunities deliberately broaden the horizons of pupils.
- Leaders are determined that pupils will achieve well. They strive for continuous improvement

The children continue to amaze us with their passion for learning, their desire to make a difference and their kind and compassionate natures. Our older pupils really are agents of change and our younger pupils look up to them and aspire to make a difference. The children truly are the heart of our school and despite the challenges we, along with the majority of other schools, are facing due to things such as budgetary constraints and falling birth rates, they ensure, along with the staff, parents, Governors and the wider community, that Sparsholt Primary school remains the vibrant, warm and nurturing environment it is.