



John Ray Infant School

"learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves"

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware, John Ray Infants received a visit from Ofsted in November and I am delighted to be able to share our final report with you.

John Ray Infant School continues to be a good school where:

'Pupils love coming to school and say it is a fun and happy place to learn. They show respect for each other and follow the school's code of conduct - being kind, responsible and safe. This means that John Ray Infant School is a calm and safe place to be.' (Ofsted November 2019)

As I always say, we are incredibly proud of our children at John Ray Infants and our Inspection team recognised this immediately. I felt such pride listening to them talking about their learning and experiences in school.

We have worked very hard on our new curriculum and this was also recognised by Ofsted who noted:

'Leaders have thought hard about the curriculum. There are clear plans in place to show what pupils need to know in each subject by the end of each term. These plans also make sure that teachers devise lessons that build on what pupils already know. This means pupils remember more about different subjects as they move through the school.' (Ofsted November 2019)

The Inspector also recognised that we teach Maths really well. Our children were quick to let them know that they really love a challenge!!

'Pupils learn the basic skills they need in mathematics from the very start of their time in school. They are taught to 'justify' and 'prove' their mathematical thinking. As they move through the school, pupils develop a good understanding of number. They can carry out calculations in their head quickly and correctly'.

Following on from our visit, we've been given a target to work on. Our target is to ensure that our lowest attaining children always have the right reading books to help them develop their phonics skills more quickly. We had already identified this and have had plans in place since September to support these children. Our new StoryTime phonics scheme is one of the actions we have put in place and this is already having a positive impact.

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If you have any queries or questions about our report, please do not hesitate to come and see me. We look forward to continuing to build strong foundations for the children to be successful lifelong learners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mrs Mills". The letters are fluid and connected, with a small circle above the 'i' in "Mills".

Mrs Mills
Headteacher