

## Rangeworthy C of E VC Primary School

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## Dear Parents and Carers.

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, I am writing to express my thanks for your continued support in all we do at school. From the class assemblies, the open reading afternoons, the family crafting workshop, the parent forums and coffee morning and the more festive occasions, it has been a joy to see so many of you engaging in your children's school lives. Moving forward into the new year, we would like to welcome any suggestions you have about further workshops and events, so that we can continue to be effective partners in your children's education.

I know that we all share the same unrelenting ambition to regain our status as a 'Good' school in the future. Furthermore, we already know that there are many daily examples of superb learning, unstinting care and guidance along with exciting curriculum opportunities and visits planned for children throughout school.

Since the Inspection, Leaders and Governors have received excellent support from the Diocese of Gloucester Academies Trust (DGAT). The guidance and expertise that Mr Richard Lucas (DGAT Executive Headteacher & Ofsted Inspector) has given through the formation of a Rapid Improvement Plan has proven impactful and so much that we felt that parents and their families would like an update on how the school is currently performing and how we have achieved our improvements and success to date:

**PHONICS** practice through school is more consistent in approach showing a much closer fidelity to the Little Wandle scheme. Staff have much improved subject knowledge through attending in school and external training. This has resulted in staff better identifying misconceptions and supporting pupils to say sounds and blend words accurately. Staff have high expectations of work and behaviour.

**SEND** provision mapping now captures an overview of SEND pupils: what is in place and what is being used to meet their needs. My Support Plans have been written for all children on the SEND register and are reviewed in partnership with the teacher, the child and the parents/carers.

**MATHS** subject knowledge is much improved for class teachers and support staff through consistent support from the Local Authority Maths Advisor. Fluency is the identified focus for further improvement and is being taught consistently through Mastering Number in EYFS to Year 2 and Step Counting from Year 2 through to Year 6. We have set high expectations in fluency informing next steps in progress.

**EARLY YEARS (EYFS)** continuous provision in maths is being used to support children's learning in maths every day. There is a flow of resources and learning opportunities accessible to the children all of the time within the classroom and into the outdoor learning environment. Continuous Provision in phonics and early reading is also being planned and embedded in EYFS.

**BEHAVIOUR** is recorded through an online system called CPOMS which allows all staff to monitor and discuss patterns and types of behaviour across the school. The language for learning is consistent in all aspects of school life so that all staff and children are clear of the expectations.

**GOVERNORS** attend regular training relevant to their responsibility areas and feed back to the relevant committee. New developments across school are fed into governing body meetings, by school leaders and teachers. Governors attend Subject Monitoring 'Deep Dives' which enable them to rigorously monitor outcomes and hold leaders to account.

We aim to continue this positive school journey and would like to share with parents and their families our *Golden Keys* to further improvement (please see attached). We have listened to parents through our forums, coffee morning and through other means of daily communication. Like staff and pupil voice, we value immensely the ideas of our community and have incorporated our community voice into our *Golden Keys*.

I would like to thank all our parents here at Rangeworthy CofE Primary School for their continued support for all that we do in our school. I would also like to thank all our pupils for their amazingly hard work throughout this year and for being a pleasure to work with.

Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff here at school, who have worked so tirelessly over this last term to improve the outcomes for all our children.

So as we approach the end of the year, I would like on behalf of the staff and Governors of Rangeworthy CofE Primary School to wish you all a Merry Christmas and happiness over the holiday and into the new year. We look forward to seeing you in 2024 – on Wednesday 3rd January.

Best wishes, Miss Samantha Travis Headteacher