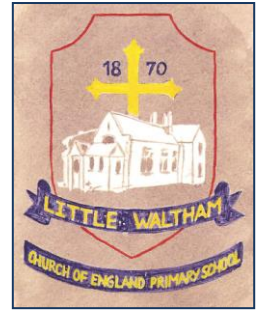




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Action Plan in Response to Ofsted Report

All schools are required to write a self evaluation and judge themselves using Ofsted criteria. The Inspection team use this to decide which areas they will focus on when conducting their inspection. In our case they chose two areas that we had identified were not as good as we would like and had begun to work on, and two that we had judged to be good. Our inspector commended us on our accurate self evaluation - we have now had time to reflect more deeply on his judgements and have fine tuned our action plan.

The Inspector recognised that the school had accurately diagnosed and put appropriate interventions in place to improve our rates of progress in mathematics. These made a positive contribution to our end of key stage results last year.

One of the key factors in improving our pupil's attainment in mathematics is the swift recall of number facts – learning, understanding and using number bonds and times tables facts to support addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have already begun a whole school programme to support the children in learning these with our achievement cards. Those children who have learnt these key skills find other aspects of maths much easier and make good progress. This will continue in earnest and we would ask you to support your children by giving them as many opportunities as possible to practise – singing or chanting in the car works really well!

We have been developing our use of assessment for learning over the last academic year and had made good progress at the time of the Inspection. Our secure system for tracking and monitoring individual children's progress identifies their needs and achievements. This will continue in order to help us ensure that all children make at least their expected progress and give them learning opportunities to help them make better than expected progress.

We will be reviewing our marking and feedback policy on our next non pupil day, 20th September, so that we have a consistent scheme that the children can understand and use successfully. We will also be discussing how to provide the most effective oral feedback, either during a lesson or at the end, in order to support children in making further improvements and to help them develop responsibility for their own learning.



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Our regular training sessions and staff meetings will include observing good practice in a variety of settings, lessons and subject areas. These will inform our focus areas for lesson observations undertaken as part of our self evaluation timetable.

There are a growing number of schools who are judged to be satisfactory by Ofsted Inspectors because their end of key stage results are broadly average over the previous three years. The Local Authority is sub dividing this 'satisfactory' category into three, Little Waltham is in the highest category which is 'good satisfactory'.

We will continue to strive towards the very best provision for the pupils in our school both academically and socially in a warm, Christian environment.

Mrs E A Maycock
Headteacher



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