

# RIBCHESTER ST. WILFRID'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)

## Ofsted Report 2016

As you'll be aware on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February our school was inspected by Ofsted. This report is now published on our school website which we would encourage you to read thoroughly. ([www.st-wilfrids-ce12.lancsngfl.ac.uk](http://www.st-wilfrids-ce12.lancsngfl.ac.uk))

The report outlines four areas that 'Requires Improvement', which would have previously been entitled 'Satisfactory' prior to a recent change in how these are categorised.

Whilst the Head, Teaching Staff and Governors regret receiving this report, as the Inspector acknowledges within it, steps have already been put in place to rectify points highlighted during the inspection, plus the school continues to excel in Mathematics, Reading and Spelling. In addition to this, the inspector was impressed on the children's behaviour and how they feel safe and enjoy their time at school. In fact the report highlights 40 positive points experienced during the inspection.

The report comments on the changes in the teaching staff, which has led to certain temporary cover having to be put in place. In response to this we have commenced the recruitment of a substantially experienced teacher to join the leadership team who will teach years 3 and 4. The recruitment process has begun and is expected that the chosen candidate will be in place from September 2016, plus we will implement further changes following the return of Miss Leaver. Mr McManus will continue teaching Ribble for this academic year.

Therefore from September the teaching line up will be:

- Miss Leaver-Heaton – Reception and Year 1 (Calder class)
- Miss Brown – Years 1 and 2 (Hodder class)
- *New recruit to be confirmed* - Years 3 and 4 (Ribble class)
- Mrs Taylor - Years 5 and 6 (Wyre class)

Clearly there are areas that need improvement. Some we were already aware of and have been working hard over recent months to put right, whilst others we need to attend to. Rest assured this work has already begun and we have already instigated an action plan and set a target to ensure all of these points are rectified by the beginning of the next academic year. We are receiving the full support of our school adviser and the Local Authority, resulting in further interventions being put in place, which the school and the authority believe will resolve the inspectors issues.

Although disappointed with this result, the Teaching Staff and Governors are determined to retain the school's status as a Good School or better at our next inspection which is expected within the next 12 months. We feel certain, given the level of support available to us, that the school will emerge, from this period of improvement, both stronger and better able to provide a first class education for our children, which is as ever our foremost concern.

While this has been a disappointing time for all members of the school we do hope that you will give the school all your support and encouragement as we resolve the issues we face, as quickly as possible.

If anyone has any question or concerns from either the above or the report then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cottam or any of our Governors who are listed overleaf.

Kind regards,

The Governing Body of Ribchester St. Wilfrid's C of E Primary School

**If you require a paper copy of the report, please contact the school office.**

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