



A good school with outstanding features.

## Newsletter: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### A Good School With Outstanding Features!

Over the page you will find the headlines from our recent inspection by Ofsted. We are very proud to know that inspectors saw our school to be a place where everyone makes good progress no matter what their background might be and that your children are well-behaved and well cared for. You can download the full 12 page inspection report from the school website now. The full report goes into detail about the many successes of our school as well as sharing the improvement points which were already in our plans for the new school year before the inspectors visited.

I am very proud that our part of the Meadows can now boast about a superb primary school – and I look forward to next school year when we can continue to make it even better! Mr Gray

### End of the Term Goodbyes

At the end of the school year, we say 55 sad goodbyes! One of those goes to Miss Cao, our Assistant Head, who is leaving for a very well-deserved promotion. Huge thanks to her for her part in improving Victoria Primary over the last three years. The other 54 goodbyes go to each of our amazing Year 6 pupils who have been a superb example of our “Work Hard Be Kind” motto. Their learning, behaviour, attitudes, sense of humour and unique personalities will be missed - good luck for Year 7 to each of you – you’re SO ready for this and I know you’ll make everyone at Victoria Primary proud in your futures!

### Happy holidays

The children and staff have all worked so hard for the whole year and definitely deserve a rest! I hope everyone has a happy summer break and look forward to welcoming families back to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September! Mr Gray

## Diary Dates: Final Week

| Date                             | Year Group            | Time     | Event   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---|
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July    | Year 5                | Pm       | Rounders Festival                                     |
|                                  | All                   | 2.30 pm  | Waffle Party fundraiser in our Forest School & Garden |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July  | Reception, Year 1 & 2 | Am       | High Attendance Reward Trip to the Cinema!            |
|                                  | Nursery               | 12.00 pm | Nursery Closes for the Summer                         |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July   | Year 6                | 2.30 pm  | Leavers' Assembly then Y6 Party until 4.30            |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July     | All                   | 3.15 pm  | School Closes for the Summer                          |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September | All                   | 8.45 am  | School re-opens for the Autumn Term                   |

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## Inspection dates

25 to 26 June 2019

### Overall effectiveness

**Good**

Effectiveness of leadership and management

**Outstanding**

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment

**Good**

Personal development, behaviour and welfare

**Good**

Outcomes for pupils

**Good**

Early years provision

**Good**

Overall effectiveness at previous inspection

Not previously inspected

## Summary of key findings for parents and pupils

### This is a good school

- Since joining the school, the headteacher, supported by senior leaders and the Nova Education Trust, has transformed the quality of the school's work. He has an unswerving commitment to improve the school further.
- Leaders have strong expertise in their areas of responsibility. They provide staff with regular, high-quality professional development. This has been crucial in securing good teaching throughout the school.
- Governors have a good understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses. They visit the school frequently to check for themselves how well pupils are learning.
- Parents and carers are positive about all aspects of the school. They recognise the recent improvements and praise the quality of teaching and care their children receive.
- Children make a good start in the early years. Staff are knowledgeable and ambitious for children to achieve well. Children make strong progress whatever their starting points.
- Pupils in key stages 1 and 2 are also making good progress. However, progress is weaker in writing than in reading and mathematics.
- Pupils, boys in particular, make errors in their spelling, punctuation and grammar which detract from the overall quality of their written work.
- The curriculum ensures that pupils successfully develop knowledge, skills and interest in a broad range of subjects. Teaching in science and design technology, however, does not consistently offer sufficient challenge for all pupils.
- Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are well supported and make good progress.
- Pupils' emotional well-being is cared for very effectively by the school's pastoral team.
- Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is promoted well, both through the curriculum and through the example set by adults.
- Pupils' personal development is good. They embody the school's aim that pupils will 'work hard and be kind'. Pupils of all backgrounds learn and play together harmoniously.
- Pupils behave well. They are friendly and kind to one another. They feel safe, are proud of their school and their behaviour reflects this.
- Rates of absence and persistent absence are above the national averages.