



*Celebrate and learn together*

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: SIAMs Inspection.**

Many of you will be aware that on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July St. John's C of E Primary School was inspected by the diocese of Bath & Wells. This inspection is called Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools, or SIAMs for short.

The inspector, Mrs Carolyn Banfield made judgements on:

- The distinctiveness and effectiveness of St. John's as a Christian school (including attainment in Year R, Year 1, KS1 and KS2 SATs);
- The impact of collective worship;
- The effectiveness of leadership and management.

I am delighted to report that the judgement for all strands is **Outstanding.**

Mrs Banfield was particularly impressed with the children, who sung, prayed and spoke so well. She also praised the clear and distinctive ethos present in the school, so evident in the way that pupils, staff and parents interact with each other. Mrs Banfield was also highly complimentary about the leadership and management of the school, noting that all staff were committed to an education of the highest quality. Here is the summary report:

- *Explicitly articulated values are deeply embedded and recognised by all to enrich the life of the school. As a result, they have a significant impact on behaviour, attitudes and achievement.*
- *Worship is a rich source of spiritual growth and religious understanding. Its impact is evident in relationships of trust and mutual respect.*
- *The statement 'celebrate and learn together' has encouraged all adults to work together to provide a rich academic curriculum which support pupil's spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development.*
- *The well informed and engaged governing body and parish community successfully celebrate and proclaim the school's church foundation.*

And within the report itself:

- *Pupils and adults are united in their responses to Christian teaching engendering a perceptible sense of 'family' and affirmative pastoral care.*

You can find a link to the report on the website in the latest news and events section.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children, staff and parents who contributed so much to this shared outstanding judgement. We can all be proud of the spiritual and academic education we are providing for the children in our care.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mark Hilliam  
Head of School