

Piddle Valley CE VA First School

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Piddle Valley First School 'outstanding' in every way

Piddle Valley CE VA First School, in Piddletrenthide, is proud to be recognised as an 'outstanding' school in its Ofsted inspection in March 2012. The school was judged under the new inspection framework which has been widely publicised as raising the bar with only 4% of schools expected to fall into the outstanding category. Despite the new standards, a grade 1 for outstanding was awarded under all four of the areas for inspection: Achievement of pupils, Quality of teaching, Behaviour and safety of pupils and Leadership and Management.

'Piddle Valley is an outstanding school. Achievement is consistently high for all pupils because of very strong leadership, outstanding teaching, an exciting curriculum and rigorous tracking of pupils' progress.' (Ofsted 2012)

The Headteacher, Mrs Tracy Jones, praised the school community saying, 'I am very proud of the staff and children who work so incredibly hard on a daily basis and have now been officially recognised for their outstanding qualities. The school has worked hard since the last inspection in November 2008 and has benefited from excellent leadership and support from the Governing body, the previous headteacher and the local community. While we continually strive for improvement in our practices and will focus on provision for more able pupils, we are thrilled to have our dedication to our children recognised.'

Tony Monds, Chair of Governors responded saying, 'I am delighted that the consistent hard work of the whole school community under Tracy's inspirational leadership has been recognised in this way. Ofsted's judgement is a significant milestone in our sustained programme of continual improvement designed to allow each and every child at our school to fulfil their God-given potential.'

Due to the timing of the inspection just before the end of the spring term, the full Ofsted report was published only at the beginning of the current summer term.

The children, staff, Governors and community celebrated the accolade together, with ice creams in the beautiful school grounds.



A full copy of the Ofsted report may be found at <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/113811>

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