

EAST AYTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

On Thursday 9th February 2023 East Ayton Primary School had an Ofsted Monitoring Visit. We are delighted to inform you that the findings from the visit are extremely positive and recognise the rapid impact school has made in all areas since the last inspection.

Mr Marcus Newby HMI led the inspection and commented throughout the day on how welcoming the school is and how delightful the children are. He was keen to explore every aspect of school life and was at pains to understand the journey our children make from starting nursery right through to Year 6. Mr Newby's approach with senior leaders, staff and children was very supportive and positive throughout the whole process and we welcomed his feedback.

The full report will be available before Easter on the Ofsted and school's website. However, we are now able to share the highlights with you.

The school have "wasted no time in continuing to build on the existent curriculum."

"The curriculum is now well planned and ambitious."

"Teachers demonstrate good subject knowledge."

"Reading continues to be at the heart of the curriculum and staff share the Headteacher's ambition for every child to be a reader."

"Phonics is taught consistently in each class, in the Early Years and KS1."

"Mathematics is taught increasingly well and teachers demonstrate strong subject knowledge."

"All pupils receive high quality experiences."

"Governors are dedicated and increasingly determined to support leaders' ambitions for all pupils. They are committed to hearing the views of parents, pupils and staff."

As a school we are pleased that the dedication of the staff and governors has been acknowledged by Ofsted. We are also incredibly proud of all the children who attend our nursery and school setting and grateful for your continued support.

Due to the Ofsted regulatory system of a 'Monitoring Visit', the school's Ofsted rating cannot be changed until the next full inspection. However, given the positive nature of the monitoring report and its recognition of the school's rapid progress, the school is clearly in a strong position moving forward.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Nellist