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Dear Parents

We are delighted to send you the Ofsted report for our school. It is with great pride we can say once again that 'Meavy is a good school'. We are very proud of the report and especially our children so a big thank you to them, the staff and you for supporting us through the day.

One thing which shone through the inspection which even the inspector starting referring to was the 'Meavy family'. Something all of the team hold dear and we know it is also very important to all of you.

The new style report had a lot of very positive and complimentary comments in it a few highlights include;

'Parents and staff are united in ensuring that pupils get the best possible start in life.'

'Pupils are proud of their school and..... were keen to tell inspectors how the trips and visits they go on bring learning alive.'

'Meavy is a calm and tranquil school that is built on mutual trust and respect..... They are adamant that if they had any worries or concerns the 'Meavy family' of staff would take care of them. Pupils are confident that bullying does not happen.'

'The early years part of the school is a hive of activity.....Trusting relationships are flourishing and enabling children to be happy and motivated.'

As the report follows an inspection under a totally new framework you will have noticed it has been written and set out in a totally different way than we are all used to. In fact, we were one of the first schools in the country to be inspected under the new framework which Ofsted started using from September. It was also what is called a 'section 8' inspection which is for 1 day rather than the 2 days we are used to. However, the inspection team turned the school upside down and inside out for that day evidencing their judgements.

As is a given with any type of inspection, there are always things which we can do even better with. As usual we will all work, with focus to address the next steps for the school. We remain justifiably proud of our sports teams through which the vast majority of our KS2 children experienced competitive games last year. However, it was a little disappointing that the Inspector felt that the use of an external specialist for some of our PE suggested some possible weakness in teaching whereas we felt it enhanced our children's experience.

As you are aware Meavy have been working to further enhance the whole curriculum that your children experience and we are excited that this new era of inspection celebrates this as we feel it should.

Well done everyone, a fantastic start to the new academic year and Meavy has been recognised as continuing to offer a good and well-rounded quality of education to our children.

Kind regards

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