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St Aloysius DID

It is with a huge sense of pride that we are writing to introduce our latest OFSTED inspection report. Four years ago our Junior School achieved 'Outstanding' status, I am thrilled to announce that a few weeks ago we have achieved our ambition which was to make St Aloysius Infant School - outstanding in all areas too. We are proud to be the Chair of Governors and Head Teacher of the very best schools we could be; a truly outstanding federation of schools.

We have the privilege of informing you that following a two day inspection, by two OFSTED inspectors, on 22nd and 23rd January we have been judged to be: **OUTSTANDING in every single judgement** of the new and very demanding framework.

Overall Effectiveness:	Outstanding 1
Leadership and Management:	Outstanding 1
Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment:	Outstanding 1
Personal development, Behaviour and Welfare:	Outstanding 1
Outcomes for Pupils:	Outstanding 1
Early Years Provision	Outstanding 1

The inspectors were exceptionally impressed with our whole school community and our fantastic learning environment. They were also very impressed by our exceptional children and the very high standard of work and also the outstanding quality of teaching they receive. Over the last few years we have worked in very close collaboration with St Aloysius Junior School and developed highly effective systems from Nursery to Y6. We have the same Leadership team in both schools and staff regularly cross the road between our schools to work with our children from Nursery to Year 6. As well as this, our pupils, teachers, teaching assistants, administration and caretaking staff operate across both sites. As a result, it is truly a St Aloysius community achievement. We are proud of our unique achievement and are grateful for the support we have received. We would like to pay tribute in particular to Miss Kathryn Fenwick who is responsible for the the day to day running of our Infant School.

We want to say **thank you** for the wonderful support we have received from South Tyneside Local Authority, the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and our parish community. We also want to say thank you to all who have helped us along the way. We could not have achieved our transformation to outstanding without the loyal and generous support over the past few years from pupils, parents, staff, governors and our wider community. I would like to thank former staff, pupils and parents who have supported our journey. We are grateful to all and very proud to serve the community of Hebburn.

This inspection report follows quickly after receiving a letter from the National Secretary of State for Education who recently wrote to the us to pass on his congratulations for the exceptional progress scores for our Junior School pupils. On Friday, he wrote,

"Your school's results in 2018 show progress scores of 3.9, 5.3 and 4.1 in English reading, writing and mathematics. This means that in terms of the progress your pupils make between Key Stage 1 and the end of Key Stage 2, your school is amongst the top 3% of schools in England"

See link for the letter: <http://www.st-aloysius.co.uk/some-lovely-news/>

Alongside this, **earlier this term**, there was an article in the Evening Chronicle which said that we had been ranked second in the Northeast region based upon the Real Schools Guide criteria (57th, nationally, out of 14,500 schools). The newspaper says, “The guide measures schools based not just on results or Ofsted scores, but on 44 different criteria including progress, pupil-teacher ratios and absence rates, the aim of the guide is to offer a comprehensive picture for parents than traditional league tables.”

It is lovely to be able to celebrate the brilliant things which take place on a daily basis at St Aloysius, the staff, pupils and wider community have much to celebrate. Our staff and pupils deserve great praise. Please check out the link below,

<https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/best-schools-newcastle-throckley-primary-15659012>

In school, we regularly say that **St Aloysius’ pupils deserve the best and can achieve anything**; as long as they apply themselves, show determination and are ambitious for their futures. We are all genuinely thrilled with our collective achievement and completely focused on improving our schools and pupils to be the best they can be.

With every good wish for a lovely half term break.

Nick Conway
Head Teacher

Eddie Watson
Chair of Governors