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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that Newtons Primary school, our partnership school have received their Ofsted Report. The school is now judged to be a good school by Ofsted. I would like to thank the staff and governors for all of their efforts in ensuring that Ofsted have recognised the hard work that has gone into improving the school for the pupils.

I would like to share these particular highlights from the Ofsted report:

Strong leadership from the executive headteacher, headteacher, other leaders and governors has greatly improved the quality of teaching and pupils' progress since the last inspection.

Leaders carry out thorough checks on the quality of teaching and on pupils' progress. Pupils make faster progress in writing and mathematics than in reading. This is because tasks in reading do not always match the needs and abilities of pupils.

As a result of structured and personalised training and development, teaching has improved and is now good. Teamwork is strong across the school. Staff work together well to make improvements in provision.

Most pupils, including those supported by pupil premium funding and those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), now make good or better progress from their starting points in English, mathematics and other subjects.

Children in the early years foundation stage make good progress from their starting points. This is due to a very positive learning environment that engages them, encourages them to learn and develops independence.

Pupils' behaviour and attitudes are exemplary. Their attendance is now above average. They want to be at school because they thoroughly enjoy their learning experiences. Excellent care, guidance and support firmly underpin pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Most parents feel that their children are happy, safe and well looked after. They are highly complimentary about the improvements in communication from the school since the last inspection.

The newly formed governing body runs various checks that give them an increasingly clear understanding of the school. Members use their skills to support leadership and management, but also to challenge the school to strive for improvement continually.

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The full report is available on the school website - www.newtons.havering.sch.uk.

Year 3 staff and pupils have enjoyed an Egyptian day today. They all dressed up and looked brilliant in their costumes. They took part in a range of activities including making scrolls with hieroglyphics, using the ipads to see 3D Egyptian monuments and we had special visitors called the Nile School Shakers.



They taught us how to create Egyptian drumming music and how to dance like an Ancient Egyptian. All of the staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day!

This week we have introduced our brand new Headteachers Award. Winners will enjoy a special treat with me on Friday afternoons. I look forward to spending time with the first group of winners today who have all gone above and beyond in their learning and achievements this week.

Our Year 6 pupils will be finding out their Secondary school places today. We hope they are all allocated their preferred choice of school. If this is not the case and you need support with the appeal process please come and see me.

Our upper school boys football team played against Harold Wood Primary School this week the boys played brilliantly as a team but lost the match in the last minute as Harold Wood were awarded a free kick and scored the winner to make it 2-1. Well done to all the boys who played and well done to Jack for scoring the Crowlands goal!

Our school has joined the government's National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP), which is being delivered by the charities Family Action and Magic Breakfast. As a NSBP School we are pleased to offer a healthy school breakfast. This is available to all pupils to enjoy the benefits that breakfast brings, with pupils settled and ready to learn at the start of the day. Pupils will be offered a fresh bagel every morning when they enter between 8.40am and 8.50am free of charge. If you wish to get a bagel there are two bagel stations - one in the Key Stage 1 hall and the other in the Key Stage 2 Hall. Please make sure you arrive to school on time to ensure a great start to your day!

Next Thursday, 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Pupils are able to dress up as their favourite book characters whilst enjoying a day based around Reading activities.

If you have anything you would like to discuss with a member of Senior Management please attend the drop in sessions every Friday from 2.00pm - 3.00pm. Alternatively, please book an appointment at the main office.

Senior staff are also available at the beginning and end of the school day in the playgrounds, on the gates and at the doors if you need to see them.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

H McClenaghan
Hayley McClenaghan
Executive Headteacher

