

SCHOOL NEWS

Celebrating Our Success!!

Although it seems a long time ago, we now have the published Ofsted report to share with you. We are all very proud of the outcome, and are determined to continue our improvements together. Here is a summary of some of the main findings of the Ofsted team:

This is a very good school. The quality of teaching and learning is very good and leads to standards which are well above average. Pupils of all abilities achieve very well. The school is very well led and managed by the headteacher and governing body and as a result gives very good value for money.

The teachers are very creative and imaginative in their planning. This appeals strongly to the pupils who find learning fun and respect the teachers' efforts to make it so.

We have worked very hard to develop positive behaviour and a sense of mutual respect, pride and responsibility with the children, and this has been recognised by Ofsted:

Pupils thoroughly enjoy school and have very good attitudes to work because of the positive Christian ethos and strong provision for their personal development.

Pupils' attitudes and behaviour are very good, as is their personal development. They are a significant strength of the school.

There is a very active school council in place and pupils feel they have a 'voice' in the way the school is led and managed.

Ofsted also confirmed the value we place on working in partnership with parents and with the local community:

The parents are very well informed and involved in their children's education.

Parents give very good support to the school and this has a significant impact on learning.

I hope that our regular contribution to MADNews, together with the ways we welcome visitors and voluntary support, clearly demonstrates our commitment as a community and church school. This was supported both by the findings of Ofsted, and by the Section 23 (Diocese) inspector:

The school makes very good use of the local environment to enhance pupils' curricular access, and the range of extra curricular clubs and activities is impressive for the size of the school.

There are very strong and successful links with the church and community. The school is regarded as a 'village' school as well as a church school, as it is a central meeting place for the local community ... (Section 23 Report)



Anson Class Music Lesson

Everyone at Marcham Primary looks forward to building on this success, to provide the best possible education for all our children.

**LESLEY CLARK
HEADTEACHER**

Where there's a will there's a way

If you make a proper will, you can save a lot of money! It is estimated that over 70% of the population do not have a will. In many cases this is because wills concern one's own death, not a subject we wish to dwell on; for others it's because they think it involves a solicitor, often considered a daunting and expensive task. So we put it off. **If someone dies intestate (without a will) it can cause huge and unnecessary problems for the surviving members of the family.**

The purpose of a will is to dispose of a deceased person's assets. If that person dies intestate, their assets are disposed of according to a formula laid down by law, which might not be what the deceased would have wished. For example, if there is a surviving spouse, and children, half of the assets pass to the children, and one of those children might wish to realise those assets. **Unmarried couples of opposite or same sex have no rights to their partners assets unless there is a will.**

You don't need a solicitor to draw up a will, but a will needs to be properly witnessed. There are self-help books and information available on the internet to help you do-it-yourself. As with all legal documents, wording must be precise. A misplaced comma could cause a will to be contested.

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**SCHOOL GARDENER
REQUIRED**



A position has become available at school for a paid gardener for 2 hours per week, plus an optional further ½ hour to supervise a children's Gardening Club (to be run during school lunchtime or after school).

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