

Dear parents/carers,

The staff and children had a very busy end to the last half term. We ended the term with an Easter service at Church. Once again the singing was amazing! Thank you to Reverend David for making the end of term so special.

It was also very busy as we welcomed two very important visitors to school; Mrs Wilde - an REQM Inspector and Mr Castledine – a SIAMS Inspector.

On Friday, March 17th we welcomed Mrs Wilde. She came to school to evaluate the quality of the school's Religious Education.

The assessment was extremely successful! The hard work and commitment of pupils, parents, staff and the wider community to high standards of Religious Education has resulted in the school maintaining Religious Education Quality Mark GOLD!

Mrs Wilde was extremely complimentary about the school. She thanked all of the children for their warm welcome. She said that *“from the visit it is clear that RE is at the heart of the school and greatly contributes to pupils' personal development and learning. It supports their understanding of their own journey through life and helps them to appreciate the diverse experiences of other traditions.”* She was particularly impressed by the enthusiasm of the children at Canon Burrows towards their education and their confidence and ability to articulate their learning.

Mrs Wilde thinks that *“RE is very well led with outstanding leadership at all levels. Leaders have a very good understanding of the contribution and purpose of RE, the national and local context, the progress of pupils and the needs of teachers.”*

Mrs Wilde commented on the talents of the whole school community and wider stakeholders being used to engage children in an imaginative way. She recognised that *“visitors from Christ Church and other faith communities lend authenticity and relevance to the curriculum. The school makes serious efforts to listen to the voices of pupils, parents and governors and to act on their views. The use of learning leaders and the involvement of pupils in planning nurtures interest and skills. RE makes a major contribution to SMSC development in the school and potentially to social cohesion.”*

On Thursday March 23rd we welcomed Mr Castledine into school. We would like to extend our congratulations to all the staff and most importantly all of the children at Canon Burrows CE Primary School - the school has been judged outstanding in all 4 areas of the new inspection framework! We should all be very proud of our school. As noted by the inspector the new framework is rather more exacting than the previous inspection. Maintaining outstanding demonstrated that Canon Burrows continue to improve the religious education provision and outcomes for all children.

We are very proud of the hard work of all our staff and pupils and would like to thank parents, friends and volunteers at Canon Burrows for their continued support. Thank you to parents who took time to meet with our visitors, or complete a questionnaire at our most recent parents evening.

Please find below a copy of the SIAMS report, it is also available to read on the school website.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Fildes