



**Burnham on Crouch  
Primary School**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

*'This is an outstanding school; only the best will do for pupils and teachers.'*

I am absolutely delighted and very proud to share our Ofsted report with you. The school has been judged to be 'outstanding' in every area. Having been an inspector, I have seen (and written) many reports but this is without doubt one of the best reports I have ever read! I encourage you to read the full report in detail to fully appreciate all the school has achieved.

When I joined the school in 2015 the school was in the bottom 20% of schools and only two thirds full. We are now judged to be in the top 10% of schools nationally and over 100 children have joined the school, making us over-subscribed this year for the very first time.

There is so much to celebrate but I am particularly proud of the children who have risen to the challenge and higher expectations. They make this school what it is. When people ask me if I enjoy my job, I think of your children; spending my days with them brings me great joy and not all headteachers are as lucky as I am.

I am equally proud that the inspection team recognised how hard it has been for us in our relentless pursuit of excellence; we have certainly had more than our fair share of difficulty and have had to show great resilience and determination not to let life get in the way of our ambition to be the best we can.

I am also heartened that the inspectors recognised that our journey has not been at the expense of the children's or staff's happiness. In our quest to be our best selves I have always tried to make sure well-being didn't suffer as a result. We have worked exceptionally hard to make sure our school is both a happy and successful community. All staff have showed incredible determination to develop their skills and they are now an exceptionally talented team and I am thrilled their hard work has been recognised.

I have often described our school as a family and during the inspection especially, all staff demonstrated great loyalty and teamwork. Everyone in the team from the cleaners and our Site manager to the office staff, the kitchen staff, our family support manager and extended schools manager, the teachers and LSAs – they all go above and beyond for your children, and the leaders and governors have supported me every step of the way.

I would like to thank all of you for your support. The governors and I have always had your children's best interests at the heart of every decision and I will continue to do my very best for them.

I will be working with the PTA to organise a celebration with parents and carers and look forward to celebrating with you.

Kelly Stock  
Headteacher