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Dear Cor,

Thank you for your time on Tuesday and the warm welcome offered to me by everyone in your school, adults and children. I came away truly inspired by your school and the wonderful opportunities offered, your Christian distinctiveness and nurture of every individual shone through.

Your school is obviously respected and well supported by all stakeholders. This is illustrated by the governor's work on developing a new Vision for the school where 70 parents (62 families) attended and were involved. From our discussions it is clear the governors are very supportive, hardworking and are always looking to improve their skills, 66 courses in a year is amazing.

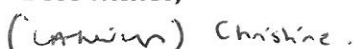
Around the school are examples of involvement with the parents and the wider community: the Mud Kitchen, The Prince's Trust in building your raised beds, your current work on developing the library supported by matched funding from the Friends. How fabulous for the children that a local author supports reading and is involved in other activities weekly, what an inspiration for their writing. I loved the board displaying the children's own writing as "author of the half term" and the fact children were offered the opportunity to write their own comments as a review.

The children's enjoyment and love of learning was evident as we walked around. Although they had never met me they were keen to show me what they were doing and to talk about it. Everywhere the environment was bright and engaging, showcasing the children's work, supporting and valuing their learning. The displays show that this is clearly a school loved and respected by all which is backed up by the children's comments on a display about their school. The standard of art work is truly impressive, how wonderful that on a Friday afternoon the children are offered a curriculum of choice to give them different life experiences. I also really liked your weekly table showcasing different children's out of school interests, how they must look forward to their turn.

It is clear this is a school where all stakeholders are considered to be important and the children have a real impact: from school council, learning ambassadors, writing the school development plan, to drawing up a 10 point list of "What makes an effective learner". I can't wait to see the super hero characters they attribute to each characteristic next time, I am sure the children will work hard to win the weekly award for displaying this characteristic.

It is hard to capture everything from my first visit but a huge thank you to you and all your team for offering your children and families such a rich experience based on Christian Values nurturing each individual to be the best they can. I look forward to my next visit on Monday 13th June at 1.30pm.

Best wishes,

 Christine