

# **STOP PRESS**

## **OUTCOME OF THE ANNUAL REVIEW UNDERTAKEN BY THE SOLIHULL LOCAL AUTHORITY (LA) 2009**

The LA has a duty to monitor its schools and makes a judgement of the school based on a wide ranging collection of evidence covering Achievement, Standards, Quality of Teaching and Learning, Personal Development, Curriculum, Care and Guidance and Support, Leadership and Management and Overall Effectiveness to name but a few areas! There are five categories ranging from a Category 5 school, where there is unacceptably low performance and where the school requires support and challenge from the LA, to a category 1 at the highest level.

**I am delighted to inform you that Monkspath Junior and Infant School has been judged as a Category 1 School and is described in the following way:**

*A category 1 school provides a high standard of education and demonstrates at least one area of outstanding practice. The schools' self evaluation processes are strong and it sets and reaches challenging targets. OFSTED will have judged the school to be outstanding or good with outstanding features.*

*The Local Authority will wish to use the school as a best practice exemplar within the context of its school improvement functions. Staff from the school will be encouraged to lead networks, provide expert advice and, in exceptional circumstances, provide direct support for other schools. The school will be funded for any work it undertakes on behalf of the Local Authority.*

As ever, we will continue to improve and to provide the very best practice possible for our children and families, however it is particularly pleasing to have the qualities and strengths of the school and the staff judged in such a way by the local authority which is itself, is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> and above nationally for its standards, despite being one of the least well funded boroughs nationally.

Many thanks for all concerned staff, parents and Governors alike for the important contribution that you make to the school. We really are most grateful to you.