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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It does not feel like it was 12 months ago since we introduced 'Open Classroom Day' and 30 parents came along to see their children in their own learning environment. Today we have had over 115 parents, carers and grandparents visit the school.

We have had some really positive feedback from parents and one comment in particular really stood out for me today:

'My child has nagged and nagged me to come to the open classroom day today and I thought what could I possibly gain from the school that I didn't already know. Despite my hesitation, I obliged and begrudgingly I came along. It turned out to be the best decision I've made this week. I have had a brilliant morning with my daughter and I will definitely be coming along again.'

So let me share with you four reasons why Open Classroom Days are important.

Meet the people who will educate your child

This is one of the most important reasons for attending an Open Classroom Day. The staff are the people in charge of your child's education. They will spend long periods of time with your child and will have a fundamental impact on their development. Nothing beats seeing a teacher in action for an indication of their passion, work ethic and rapport with students.

See your child engage in the classrooms

Your child's peers are a strong influencing factor during their school life. If other students at the school are motivated, engaged and focused on their studies, it's likely your child will be too. It is also fantastic to see your child so excited when you get your hands dirty and join in an activity with them, 'Grannie got covered in glue and glitter'. You can see them engaging with their teachers, support staff, friends and buddies - the people that they talk about each day when they come home from school.

Observe the school's facilities

We love it when you come along to parents evenings to discuss your child's progress. However, it's not quite the same as coming to an Open Classroom Day, so that you can look around the school and see the amazing display work both inside and outside of the classroom. Depending on the season and weather you can also see how amazing the school grounds and gardens are looking

Ask questions

Classroom Open Days provide the opportune moment to ask staff all your burning questions in one go about the school (not your child's progress). Rather than wait for replies to your emails, or engage in lengthy phone conversations that seem to go nowhere, some questions are better answered in person.

So, on behalf of the teachers and support staff, I would like to thank each and every one of you who came along this morning. It was lovely to see everyone.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Glen Hartford', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Glen Hartford
Head Teacher