



## Reaching for the Stars!

21/6/2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Parental Survey: Summary of Results

We would like to share with you a summary of the results from our most recent parental survey in April 2023. We had a total of 171 responses to the following statements:

- My child is happy at this school - **95.4% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.**
- My child feels safe at this school - **97% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.**
- The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved - **93% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.**
- My child has been bullied and the school dealt with this quickly and effectively: **86.9% of parents either agreed or strongly agreed, or stated that their child has not been bullied.**
- The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year - **69.6% agreed or strongly agreed.**
- When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly - **86.2% of parents either agreed or strongly agreed, or stated that they have not raised any concerns.**
- The school has high expectations for my child - **83% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.**
- My child does well at this school - **93.6% agreed or strongly agreed.**
- The school lets me know how my child is doing - **80.7% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.**
- There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school - **91.8% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.**
- My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school - **86.5% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.**
- The school supports my child's wider development - **83% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.**
- I would recommend this school to another parent - **84.2% of parents agreed or strongly agreed.**

As stated in our previous letter, we really value your feedback as it is through this that we can continue to evolve and improve. There were some constructive comments/suggestions for improvement which we will definitely take on board, moving forward. As you can see from our survey, the area that parents/carers seem the most unsure about is what their child is learning (69.6% of parents/carers agreed or strongly agreed that the school makes me aware of what my child is learning). This is clearly an area that we need to work harder on to ensure that more parents feel informed about their child's learning. We will continue to reflect on this as a staff and make some adjustments to ensure that the information that we currently share reaches a wider audience.

**What is my child learning?** If any parent is uncertain of what their child is learning, this information can be found on the website. Mr. Reynolds produced a simple guide to where to find this information on Seesaw at the beginning of the year. We have detailed information about every subject in the curriculum, as well as more detailed information about what each year group will be learning. Teachers also provide termly '**Curriculum Newsletters**' for parents and carers which outlines in even more detail about what your child will be learning. Finally, the website is also a space to celebrate our wonderful school and our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum. We really would encourage you to take a regular look at the many photographs that we share to celebrate our children's achievements, and also to give you an insight into the many varied activities that take place in our school throughout the year.

We believe that our Curriculum Newsletters contain lots of valuable information about what your child is learning, however, we will continue to adapt and improve these next term so that they contain all the essential knowledge and key vocabulary for every subject. We will also ensure that these are shared on Seesaw, as well as the school website so that as many parents and carers as possible read them. We call these 'Knowledge Organisers' and we will endeavour to share these with parents each term for all areas of the curriculum.

Seesaw is also an excellent way to keep informed about what your child is learning. Our teaching staff share many posts with parents/carers about all aspects of our curriculum, so that parents can see first-hand what your child has been learning at school.

In response to some of your feedback, we have decided to reinstate the '**Meet the Teacher**' meetings at the beginning of each academic year. This will provide the opportunity for parents and carers to meet your child's class teacher on an informal basis; see the setting where the children work, and also to find out about the curriculum and expectations for the year ahead. This will also provide an opportunity for parents to raise any questions. We will also provide parents with some written information about your child's new class teacher and the year ahead in July.

School continues to keep parents and carers informed about how well children are doing through the two formal Parents' Evenings and the written report at the end of each academic year. This is where teachers will report on the attainment and progress of children. If parents still feel that they require additional information about how their child is performing in school, parents are always welcome to contact the class teacher via Seesaw to request this information.

I am sure that you will agree that the results of the parental survey are very encouraging. **We are particularly pleased to note that over 95% of parents/carers feel that their child is happy at school, and that 97% of parents/carers agreed that their child feels safe at school.** This is what matters the most to us all. Clearly, there are some individual issues/concerns that parents/carers may have, and we hope that we can continue to work together to resolve some of these. We are a partnership and it is always more effective when parents/carers and school can work together in the best interests of the children.

We aim to share the survey about communication and lunchtime arrangements in the next few weeks, so please look out for this on Parent Pay.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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