

Parents' Survey 2017

Many thanks to every-one who expressed their opinions in our parental survey at the parents evenings recently. We had a high number of responses – so thank-you for taking the time to complete our survey. It is so good to know that the vast majority of parents are happy with the school. The results were as follows:

	Agree	Disagree
My child is happy at this school	99.1%	0.9%
My child feels safe at this school	100%	0%
My child makes good progress at this school	98.2%	1.8%
My child is well looked after at this school	100%	0%
My child is well taught at this school	100%	0%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	94.8%	5.2%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	97.4%	2.6%
This school deals effectively with bullying	99.1%	0.9%
This school is well led and managed	98.2%	1.8%
This school responds to any concerns I raise	98.2%	1.8%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	99.1%	0.9%
I would recommend this school to another parent	100%	0%

The survey shows a good range of opinions – many of the points some parents felt needed development in school other parents considered to be our strengths.

Unfortunately, other issues raised we agree we would like to consider such as better parking facilities for parents, swimming lessons for younger children and instrument tuition, we can't, due to our limited budget.

Some of the positive comments made by parents about what the school does particularly well were:

'All children seem very happy here!' 'They engage well with each individual, adapting teaching methods as required. **They work really hard to make sure no-one slips through the net.**' *'My child feels safe and happy.'* **'Community involvement.'** *'Family interaction'* 'Teaching my child really well in terms of his schoolwork and having respect for others' **'Challenges children to maximise their potential.'** *'Challenging children to maximise their potential.'* **'Encourages children to try their best and makes learning fun.'** 'Involves parents in learning and all staff are approachable and supportive' 'Interesting and educational school trips.' **'Bring out children's confidence.'** **'Makes you feel welcome'** 'Office staff are excellent and always super helpful. They make the school experience run very smoothly.' **'The structure of the traffic light system works well,'** 'Organisation of family events.' 'Keeping you informed on what is happening in school through newsletters and updates on twitter and texts' **'Welcomes children and parents.'** *'Listens to parent concerns and deals with them.'* 'So pleased with school and can't thank teachers enough for how well my son is progressing and has settled in'

The issues which several parent feel we need to address are below:

Issue	What we are doing
Homework	It is very beneficial to our children to reinforce their learning in school with practice at home, especially as national expectations of the age-related levels has increased rapidly of late. We want our children to leave Hatfield Woodhouse Primary School attaining in line with their peers nationally or better and prepare them for secondary education - which our returning Year 7 children often tell us the quantity of homework is immense!

	<p>However we also appreciate there are times in family life when doing homework with children is difficult. The homework set should take no more than 30 minutes.</p> <p>We already facilitate MyMaths homework Club for those children from Year 2 upwards who prefer to do their maths homework at lunchtime and class-teachers facilitate reading time at playtimes for those children who read less frequently than 3 times per week.</p> <p>As a result of this survey, we will review the type of homework set in each class to see that it is engaging and in line with our Homework Policy and investigate additional ways children can complete their homework in school - perhaps offering a table in After School Club or additional space at lunchtimes for children to keep up with their peers.</p>
Workshops for parents	<p>Parents of children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will be invited to an information session on Phonics early in the Spring Term. Details to follow on the next newsletter in January. Information on the new Assessment without Levels and how children are assessed today in schools will also be addressed through a parents workshop in the Spring term.</p>
Communication	<p>Whilst most of our families seem happy with the communication about school events and news, one or two have expressed dis-satisfaction. Currently we are aware of 15 parents who prefer paper versions of letters. Please let the office know if you prefer this method of communication. We try to send out reminders of events but as schools are classed as businesses, it costs each time we send a text - which gets quite expensive as we have to send 220 each time. We are going to use Schools.Com once all our parents are signed up as this offers another way of messaging parents.</p> <p>We also use our Twitter feed and school website for news and events happening in school, so check these out too!</p>
Informing you of your child's progress	<p>Should you wish to meet with your child's class-teacher in addition to the times scheduled in the school calendar, please make an appointment to do so. We are happy to address any concerns you have - or give an update on progress.</p> <p>We accept that the timing of Parents Evenings are inconvenient to some parents and will endeavour to hold at least one evening until 7:00pm in the Spring term.</p>

Thank-you for your time and co-operation! We make a good team!

Do contact school if you would like to discuss individual concerns.

Thank-you!