

Dear Parents/Carers

28 March 2017

Parents' Questionnaire

Thank you very much to all parents/carers who were able to complete and return the feedback forms. The ideas, suggestions and concerns that have been fed back to us are invaluable in ensuring that we understand your needs and concerns. This year we received 76 questionnaires which represents 36% of the school population. I have reported the feedback received and I hope that if you have any concerns, you would feel comfortable in being able to talk to a member of staff about them.

<u>Question</u>	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>1 + 2</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>3 + 4</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
My child enjoys school	80%	18%	98%	2%		2%	
My child is safe at school	87%	13%	100%				
My child is making good progress at school	76%	22%	98%	2%		2%	
Children behave well at Meadow Lane	62%	38%	100%				
Communications keep me well informed about school	83%	17%	100%				
I feel comfortable about contacting school with any concerns I may have	82%	16%	98%	2%		2%	
The school is well led and managed by the HT, governors and staff.	84%	14%	98%				2%
The teaching at Meadow Lane is good	87%	9%	96%				4%
My child knows how to use technology safely	42%	48%	90%	5%	2%	7%	3%
The school provides an interesting range of activities/clubs outside of the classroom lessons.	51%	32%	83%	12%	2%	14%	3%

Please see the table overleaf for a taste of some of the comments made by parents as part of the feedback. We really appreciate all the positive comments – thank you.

<u>DOES WELL</u>	<u>COULD DO BETTER</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of interesting activities • A wide variety of extra curricular activities • Lots of opportunities for parents and families to be involved • Keep learning fun • Great communication • Good relationships • Theme days • Friendly staff • Lots of books • Staff take time to get to know the children • Excellent Teaching Assistants • Lots of praise and positivity • Flexible staff • Good atmosphere – friendly and supportive • Science week was great! • Caring school • Children love coming to school • Nurturing • Individual needs are catered for • Fantastic staff • Story sacks • Make topics exciting • Information for Reception parents is good • Visibility of Head teacher • Well run/led • Out of school events/fundraisers/breakfast morning etc • School recognises and rewards hard work and effort • Great personal care and inclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed classes – sometimes children in the same year group do not get exactly the same opportunities. • More sports teams • Show and Tell – maybe oral storytelling is too hard for Year 1 children? • More use of outdoor areas/planting/gardening etc. • Explanation of the use of Dojo points • Change reading books more frequently • Fewer dressing up days • More clubs for Year 1 and Reception children. • More formal homework • Reception induction is very long • Teach a language • Update the website • Ensure that parents evenings are confidential • More clarity regarding what children need to bring on trips/days out.

I have provided responses to the main concerns in these sections as part of the attached feedback and some teachers have dealt with any individual concerns that have been highlighted. It isn't possible for me to respond to each concern individually so, if you know that you have provided comments that aren't mentioned here and would like to discuss the matter further, please do come and see me or Miss Hodkin.

It has been so lovely to receive such a lot of positive comments. I have compared the results to last year's findings and I am pleased that we have continued to maintain our high standards and that generally parents and carers are happy with the work we are doing. You have told us that you appreciate the support and care that all the staff give to the pupils; the fact that your children are happy to come to school and that the school environment is happy, friendly and welcoming. I am glad that you feel comfortable to approach school with any issues or problems. Communication has continued to be a strength. Many parents commented on the atmosphere, the amount of extra support children receive and the nurturing environment that the staff have created. The amount of after school activities has been recognised as a real positive and the community events for families, courses and meetings for parents are also highly valued. We will take on board the feedback about clubs for Year 1 and Reception children although there will be more on offer in the summer term including Maths, French, Multi skills and Drumming. For homework we will continue to concentrate on reading and spellings with some maths/times tables homework into Year 2. Show and Tell and Big talk bags will also continue.

E safety – this remains an area of some concern for parents. In an ever changing technological world it can feel hard to keep up with what your children are accessing online. We are constantly working with the children to ensure that they know how to keep themselves safe online – even at such a young age. You will find lots of information on the school website to help you discuss this issue with your child but it is vitally important that you, as parents, are aware of what your child is accessing and who they are talking to as well as ensuring that they are not playing inappropriate games or games designed for older children. In school we have a very strong filtering system so that children cannot access inappropriate content – again there is advice on the website about how to set up similar filters at home. Our school website will also be improved and updated as we set up the new school.

As part of this whole process we will share the findings with the children, staff and governors. We will also discuss the outcomes and responses from questionnaires at circle time and through the school council. The children and staff will also be completing questionnaires in order to provide us with a rounded view of the school. Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We really do appreciate this and it has been particularly welcome this year, in light of the changing situation at school and the ongoing collaboration with College House. We are looking forward to exciting times ahead with the amalgamation and development of The Lanes Primary School.

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