



Parent Questionnaire

Monday 6th November 2017

Dear Parents,

This time of year sees the school reviewing and constructing the SIP (School Improvement Plan). This document creates the detailed plan of implementation for this academic year. Your input is invaluable to us, so that we, with yourselves, can provide the children with the very best education that we possibly can. By gaining your feedback now, it can be linked directly into the SIP. Our collective aim is to provide a high level of education to your child, whilst broadening both the curriculum and the children's opportunities.

Over the past year many 'small' improvements have taken place, impacting your child's experience within school. These include:

- Regular interaction with the Church
- Rev'd Bill now coming into school weekly to take both services and work with our Yr6 'Worship Group'
- A huge 'push' on mathematical knowledge for both children and staff with Bishopstone coming top in the Moneymatics scheme with the highest results
- Creating art work that is inspired by our school Christian Values
- Increased participation in events (including national and global!). Completing the Prince William award . . . and meeting him!
- Increased club choice, including the provision of additional coaches from outside organisations
- Regular website and parentmail updates for improved communication.
- 'Assessment for Learning' continues to be embedded in school where the children take ownership of their learning by being able to assess and critique their own work.
- Fobs fun – Christmas disco, village treasure trails
- Trips out – Oxford, Coleshill, Young Voices in Birmingham, Swindon dance festival, Swindon gymnastics competition
- Environmental/Social events – Earth Summit, Junior Good Citizen, NSPCC, THE Urban Striders in school, Yr1/2 puzzle morning at Even Swindon, Fire Service workshops
- Regular School Council sessions - listening to pupil voice to purchase/implement the children's wishes – such as fundraising events, equipment for the playground, changes at lunchtime etc. Support given to Children in Need, World Book Day, Red Nose Day
- Music events such as the taking part in Reception 'Make a Noise' at The platform, Yr1/2 performing at the Wyvern Theatre
- Specialist staff brought into school to further enhance the children's learning - SENCO, French Teacher, Art Specialist. Working with Ridgeway and having into KS2 their specialist teachers for one off workshops – art, science, MFL
- Continued development of EYFS resources (Reception children).
- Additional parent/teacher discussion time factored in for the changes 'smaller group' teaching – Year Rec/1, Yr2, Yr3/4, Yr5/6
- 6 week KS2 cluster workshops with other schools – dance, computing and PE complete . . . maths is next with Chiseldon!
- Additional residential – Year 3/4 to Oxenwood, not forgetting the school sleepover again!
- Winners in local competitions



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- A new way of splitting the children and classrooms.
- External stonework completed to ensure a better environment in the internal structure of the school.
- Additional parent information events.
- May I take this opportunity to thank you for the kind Harvest donations which were much appreciated

Over recent months the School Governors have been streamlining our school vision, which was fairly lengthy. The School Governors continue to remain ever focused on the forward thinking, future vision of the school in order to meet the ever growing pressures on small schools throughout the country. This is the new vision statement, your comments are warmly welcome:

Our unique school community inspires confidence, curiosity and tolerance in an environment that encourages intellectual, moral and spiritual inquisitiveness

In the short time that we have been back we have again grabbed every opportunity we can for our children. Coming up we have: trip to the Hindu Temple, Children in Need, maths cluster workshops for KS2, a company coming in to work with ten children to create a 'planter' from scratch teaching them the use of tools required, Christmas concert at Christchurch and hopefully to tie in with Science week in March a 'whole community' 'Who Dun It?'. Alongside this are all the regular occurrences . . . dance festival, residential etc. I would like to say thank you to my staff, who work tirelessly in order for this to happen, with such a small staff at times it can be challenging, but our driving force is the reward of seeing the children grabbing all that is offered to them.

As in previous years, I have attached a short questionnaire, which will enable us to gather information from a parent's perspective. It gives you the opportunity to give your opinion on what you feel is important and the areas that you feel we should be focusing our attention on in the future.

PLEASE can you take five minutes to complete it and then return it by Monday 13th November. Thank you in advance.

Kind Regards

Miss Lindsay



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