

WHAT DO YOU THINK . . . ? RESULTS (in *italics*) from 72 returns



(1) Communication

Are you aware that our school newsletter . . .

. . . is on the school website?	Yes: 69	No: 3
. . . is available as a hard copy in reception?	Yes: 56	No: 16
. . . is on notice boards and in classrooms?	Yes: 60	No: 12

How do you find out information about school?

*Website 20 — newsletter 9 — noticeboard 9 — word of mouth 4 — texts 5 —
ask office staff 4 — children 3*

Do you have access to email?	Yes: 69	No: 3
Would you like the newsletter emailed to you?	Yes: 64	No: 8
Would you like the newsletter to be put on the school's Facebook page?	Yes: 48	No: 22

(2) Parent Support Worker

Do you know who she is?	Yes: 25	No: 47
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In what ways could she help families? [*some parents did not answer this question*]

- *Support them and provide information*
- *By knowing family circumstances*
- *Giving needed support to child / pupil*
- *Putting information on website*
- *Support and confidence in parenting*
- *Children's behaviour*
- *Helping children, especially those who do not have English as their first language*
- *Signposting other services that parents might need*
- *Help with any other questions we have regarding school*
- *Help them understand school systems*
- *Help them with individual parent concerns*
- *Offer support specific to families' needs*
- *Keep us updated on our child*
- *Not sure*
- *Knowing that support worker knows your child would be reassuring*
- *To answer some of our questions and give information*
- *Maybe some workshops for parents*
- *General advice on supporting children with their learning*
- *Education events for parents and children together*

(3) Other things

(a) Please tell us how you feel about one of the following areas:

homework /recent work on top and bottom yards / PE and swimming / school governors

Homework:

Positive comments 15 — More homework needed 4 — Big jump from reception homework 1 — Homework club would be good 1 — Encourage children to do homework properly 1 — Give right answers if homework is wrong 1 — Homework not marked enough 1 — More written homework in Year 2, but happy that reading book is changed daily 1

Recent work on top and bottom yards:

Positive comments 21 — Should top yard be used when wet? 1

PE and Swimming:

Positive comments 14 — No swimming in winter months 1 — I would like monthly updates on my child's swimming progress 1 — swimming should continue to Year 6 1 — more opportunities to go swimming 1

School governors

Not sure what they do 3

(b) Is there anything else you would like tell us or ask us?

- *Keep up the good work – well done to all 4*
- *Just a big thank you to HT for all his help and support 1*
- *More clubs 2*
- *Ask children what they have done at the weekend 2*
- *Extra classes after school (English, Maths, Science) 1*
- *EAL support 1*
- *My child is enjoying after-school club 1*
- *It would be useful if governors could tell us what they do 1*
- *Bike/scooter storage would be useful 1*

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- *'The recent work on the top and bottom yards is very good. There is a lot more for the kinds to do at playtime.'*
- *'I love the way homework is handled.'*
- *'The work on the yards is fantastic.'*
- *'Swimming is great for kids.'*
- *'PE and swimming are a good thing as they help every student to build up self-worth and confidence.'*
- *'I think the changes made to the yards are brilliant and the kids seem to love it.'*
- *'The changes [to the yards] are great. I am very impressed: more ideas of learning through play.'*
- *'The changes and improvements to the school playground are lovely. There are so many play resources outside now, which make for happy break times'*
- *'I am happy to have my children attending Our Lady and St Anne's and am happy with their progress.'*