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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you who took part in the annual parent survey. The governing body values your comments and recognises your commitment and the part you play in making our school a welcoming and effective learning environment in which all children can reach their potential.

Survey results have been shared with Mrs Hanratty and Mrs Gwilliam who will use parent feedback as well as class progress data, National performance data at key benchmarks, the new OFSTED Framework and pupil voice to inform their strategic vision for the 2019-2020 School Improvement plan (SIP). The (SIP) will be shared by the leadership team and staff at a Parent Information evening early in the Autumn term.

An overview of the leadership team's initial response to the areas highlighted in the survey are outlined below.

LEARNING AND CURRICULUM

Understanding your Child

There was a strong feeling that Parents and Carers want to know more about the progress and expectations of progress for their children. Mrs Gwilliam has responded by initiating a programme of 'Fab Fridays'. Parents and carers will have an opportunity to come into school and share the learning outcomes with their children on the first Friday of every month. The first 'Fab Friday' proved to be very successful with over fifty parents and grandparents attending and many positive comments. There is another 'Fab Friday' coming up on July 5th and these will continue into the next academic year.

Homework and VLE

Consistency and amount of homework, together with the use of the VLE was also an area on which some of you wanted further clarification. The weekly guidelines to home learning are shown on the school website by year group. Class teachers aim to follow these guidelines, however due to class projects and the school calendar there is some flexibility, for example, whole school home learning challenges. Teachers endeavour to upload homework on to the VLE as well as providing a paper copy. Yr 1 and above pupils have access to online maths home learning via the MyMaths website.

Homework will be reviewed by the school leadership team during the Autumn term.

After School Clubs

Some of you indicated that you would like to see a wider breadth of clubs, and also, where possible, for these to be run by staff rather than an external provider.

From September there will be a new timetable of clubs split between more teacher-led clubs and also outside providers. If you have any suggestions for new clubs, please place your ideas in the suggestion box (see below).

Parental Role

Many of you said that you were keen to take a greater role in school life.

Therefore, going forward, the school invites your ideas and suggestions

- A Suggestion Box has been made available to parents and carers and placed in the reception area- please do continue to share your ideas with us.
- If any parents would like to share their expertise or interests with the children, please come into school to discuss running either an after school or a lunchtime club.

BEHAVIOUR AND WELLBEING

Parents asked about the consistency of behaviour standards across the school. Our Behaviour and Anti- Bullying Policy was reviewed in September 2018; a copy is available on the School website.

All staff and student teachers are aware of promoting our core values, our classroom rules, rewards and sanctions and the implementation of this policy is monitored and supported by the school leadership team. The Behaviour Policy will be reviewed in the Autumn term.

LEADERSHIP

Although the school has recently been through a period of leadership transition, our school goes from strength to strength. Going forward we are delighted to have a strong leadership team in place from September. Our new Headteacher, Mrs Hanratty and Deputy Head Mrs Gwilliam have many years of senior leadership experience and we are very confident that under their guidance Sparsholt C of E Primary School will continue to flourish.

Best wishes



Mrs Kathy Bamber
Chair of Governors (on behalf of the Full Governing Body)