



Headteacher’s Newsletter Friday 18th October 2019

Parents’ Evenings – it was wonderful to see so many of you at our parents’ evening events last week. If any of you were not able to come in, please arrange another appointment with your child’s teacher.

Friends’ Sausage Sizzler and Uniform giveaway/cheap sale – Friday 1st November in the Old Hall. There will be food, drinks and nearly new uniform available. See you at 3:15!

End of Year Parent Questionnaire – many thanks to those of you who completed this at the end of last term. We have now looked at all of the responses (online and on paper) and can share with you the following summary:

Question	% Agree/Strongly Agree
1 – My child enjoys school	98%
2 – My child is making good progress at school	97%
3 – My child is safe and well cared for at school	98%
4 – Behaviour in school is good	97%
5 – Home Learning activities are well matched and help my child learn better	84%
6 – The school helps my child to lead a healthy lifestyle	90%
7 – There is a good range of activities including clubs, visits and trips for my child.	91%
8 – The School is well led and managed	97%
9 – The School takes account of the suggestions and concerns of parents and carers	77%* (18% ‘don’t know’)
	% Very often/often
10 – I read the Headteacher’s newsletter	87%
11 – I look at the school website	44%
12 – I follow the school on social media	42%

We are pleased to find out how people are feeling; for those areas where scores are lower, we will be looking at them as part of our plans for the school. Our website will continue to be updated and we will be looking longer term at how we can improve it. Since the summer we now have many more followers on social media, who are especially looking at our updates of learning in class on our blogs etc – these can also be seen on our website home page.

We also gave you the opportunity to let us know more widely about what we do well and how we can improve.

<p>Pleased with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Teachers/teaching; helpful staff – passionate and caring; quality of teaching -New system of dropping off in the morning -Sense of community spirit -Child feeling happy/confident/doing well -Proud of equalities/inclusion -Leadership/Management – available/positive -Forest Schools and Trips; Daily Mile 	<p>Where we can improve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Healthier School Lunches and more variety -Homework: more challenge/differentiation; not consistent enough; don’t give any homework -More after school clubs (parents prepared to pay) -More traffic calming/cycling and less parking -Communication: some letters/info out late -Try to be greener eg: more recycling
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Thank you again for your feedback – these thoughts will be considered, shared with staff and looked at as well.

Midday Supervisor Role – we are currently advertising for a new midday supervisor at Shirley.

Please see the ‘Vacancies’ section of our school website, or pop in to find out more.

Plea from the Early Years’ Team – if you have any old toys you no longer need eg: Lego, puzzles, dolls, Megablocks etc they will be very gratefully received. Please recycle them to us!



We wish everyone a pleasant half term week – see you on Monday 28th October!

Monsieur Cattermole