

Parent Questionnaire February 2016 – 99 responses altogether.

	Strongly Agree/ Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child enjoys school	96%	4%	
The school keeps my child safe	99%	1%	
My school informs me of my child's progress	98%	2%	
My child is making enough progress at school	99%	1%	
The teaching at the school is good.	100%		
The school helps me support the learning of my child	100%		
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	99%	1%	
The school makes sure my child is prepared for the future	100%		
The school meets my child's particular needs	99%	1%	
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	93%	7%	
The school takes count of my suggestions and concerns	99%	1%	
The school is led and managed effectively	96%	4%	
The school offers a wide range of after school activities	88%	12%	
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	98%	2%	

Responses include:

Good Features of the school:

Visible and friendly staff - especially SLT. Leadership team are very approachable with any issues or concerns.

Friendly and welcoming atmosphere - close-knit family community feel.

Teaching is excellent - fun and varied; Great collaboration between staff. Great feedback from teachers about progress.

Really happy with teachers - supportive but still push/drive the children.

Honest approach when discussing issues or concerns. Easy to talk about everything.

Access to teachers day to day is very good, if required.

Kind and caring ethos/Christian values filter home in a positive way.

Great marking, feedback and assessment in books.

Topics are really engaging - children thoroughly enjoy them.

Variety of play areas outside.

Strong communication; Text service is invaluable

Intervention schemes work well. Useful pack of information provided to help support child at home.

Lovely displays of children's work.

Very organised, any problems are dealt with rapidly.

Wide range of extra-curricular activities offered.

An improvement I would like to see:

More consistency in the homework set across school.

- We have recently introduced a whole-school approach to Maths homework, with the introduction of new Mental maths books. The aim is for children to apply their learning in a range of questions on a weekly basis. We do hope that you find these new books useful. If your child finds the work too challenging, please allow them to work for the appropriate amount of time and then write in the book that they found it too difficult. This will enable the class

teachers to identify areas of difficulty and provide further support. If you have any questions about the new maths homework, please don't hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher.

More environmental awareness

- Every class has two 'Eco Guardians' - children who are part of our Eco council. They will be meeting regularly with staff and governors to work towards our Eco Awards. They will be involving all of the children and the local community in different aspects of their Eco work. Look out for notices in our newsletters and on the noticeboard on the playground.

A wider range of after school clubs on offer

- We are adding to the number of clubs on offer all the time, both during the day and after-school. We are always looking at new options and will let you know as soon as any arrangements are made.
- We're pleased to be offering Code Club once again for Year 5 & 6 children. This computer programming club started this term and the children are enjoying it immensely.
- In the summer term, we run a range of different sporting clubs - details will be announced after Easter.

More competitive sport in younger years

- We understand that some parents are keen for their children to be involved in competitive sporting activities in Years 3 and 4. Unfortunately, inter-school leagues do not currently exist for those year groups. We are investigating opportunities for activities through and across the Local Authority.

Just a reminder of opportunities that we currently offer:

Our football and netball teams are involved in inter-school competitions and leagues; our Y6 cross country team have been competing in a range of races again this year year, with Y5 also now involved.

Many children will be representing our school in inter-school athletics competitions during the summer term

You may have noted in the newsletter that children have been involved in other competition such as sports hall athletics, rowing, etc this year. Our sports leaders in school are always keen to increase the number of opportunities on offer and we will notify you of any new ones as they arise.

Understanding that working parents cannot attend all in-school activities.

- You will be aware that we have been running a series of Maths Impact sessions this term. These have been very well attended and feedback was really positive. Whilst we highly value your involvement, we do understand that some families have working commitments which make it very difficult to attend and additional staff are always present to support children in the session. If you would like copies of any materials shared in the session, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or leave a message with the school office.

Healthier School dinners

- Our kitchen staff from County Caterers work hard to cook balanced meals with a range of choices for your children. However, as you may be aware from the letters we gave out at parents evenings, we are currently in discussions about the kind of puddings on offer and the frequency with which they are available. We will notify you of any changes/alterations.

Consistency in dealing with behaviour outside

- You may be aware that we use a 'Yellow card/Red card' system to manage behaviour on the playground. The aim of using this sporting analogy is to have a clear system which is understood by all - children and adults alike. The system is explained carefully to all children, as are any sanctions or rewards. If you or your child are experiencing any difficulties we'd encourage you to come and speak to us as soon as possible - we take any concern seriously.

Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire - we welcome your views at all times. We look forward to welcoming you all into school again very soon and please come and speak to us at any time!