

Dear families,

I would like to thank you (somewhat belatedly) for taking the time to complete the parental survey whilst you were waiting for your parents' evening appointments.

We have calculated the responses and put the breakdown into the table below.

	Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	I feel welcome when I come into school	63%	35%	-	2%	-
2	My child is happy and enjoys school	71%	29%	-	-	-
3	The school encourages parents to play an active part in school life	39%	50%	9%	2%	-
4	I would find it easy to approach the school with a question or concern and feel the school would respond to my concern	56%	38%	2%	4%	-
5	I know how to help my child with their homework	42%	54%	2%	2%	-
6	My child receives an adequate amount of homework	38%	42%	12%	8%	-
7	I am satisfied with the reading books/materials my child brings home	49%	45%	-	6%	-
8	I get enough information about the curriculum my child is following	41%	47%	6%	6%	-
9	I am satisfied with the progress my child is making at school	64%	30%	6%	-	-
10	My child is taught well at Outwood Primary Academy Darfield	65%	32%	3%	-	-
11	I feel my child is safe at school	65%	32%	3%	-	-
12	I feel my child is well looked after while they are at school	69%	29%	2%	-	-
13	The school achieves high standards of good behaviour	51%	35%	12%	2%	-
14	The school deals effectively with bullying	24%	36%	36%	4%	-
15	There are sufficient extra-curricular activities available	23%	46%	25%	4%	2%
16	I feel the school is well led and managed	55%	43%	-	2%	-
17	I would recommend Darfield to other parents	47%	43%	8%	2%	-

One of the main concerns for parents is the number of after school clubs that we currently provide. In response to the survey, we have been in touch with a number of external providers who we hoped would run a number of sessions for us. We have decided to work with TeamActiv again as they came back with a much improved offer that would ensure we could offer at least three extra sessions per week. We are yet to finalise these with TeamActiv but as soon as we know what they are going to be, letters will be sent home.

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We have also started a football club, run by Mr. Saxton, which is proving to be very popular – more spaces will become available for this after Christmas. Miss Benson is running a drama club and Miss Weatherston a Newspaper club. Mrs. Hunter also runs a morning club for Mathletics and Timetables Rockstars which is currently only open to year 6 children.

Another issue coming from the survey was that parents did not feel as though they knew enough about the curriculum. Because of this, we held our first curriculum open morning where lots of you came and took part in lessons during the morning and we also held our first Children's Festival for Nursery and Reception. We hope to replicate these events across the year and thank you in anticipation of your support of them.

Homework, another area of concern, is designed to either support the children with work that they have already done in class or as a way of introducing them to work that they will be looking at the following week. Making sure your children do their homework will greatly support the work that we do in school and will help us to make sure your children reach their full potential during their time at Outwood Primary Academy Darfield.

Homework will be checked by the class teacher and feedback will be given to children on how well they have done. This information will also be used by class teachers and support assistants to shape any extra work that might need to happen in class.

- Spellings – These will be set on a Monday for a test on Friday.
- Times tables – These will be set on a Monday for a test on Friday.
- Maths problems linked to work in class – set weekly.
- Times Table Rockstars - all children have a login and will be rewarded during Tuesday's assembly for participation. Again, practice makes perfect and the more they use it the better they will get.
- Mathletics activity linked to class work plus live mathletics once completed
- Reading – children should be reading with an adult for at least 15 minutes every day. Once the children have read a book they can log on to accelerated reader when back in school and take a quiz about the book.
- Topic – Homework Challenge.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to complete the surveys – they have given us lots of valuable information and we hope we have responded accordingly to the areas you have raised. Should you have any further comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch – grab me on the gate or pop into reception and make an appointment.

With very best regards,

M Vickers  
Principal.