

ALL SAINTS C.E. (V.C.) FIRST SCHOOL & BUSY BEES PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to complete our parent questionnaire following the recent Parent Evening. We currently have 44 families on role and I am delighted that 93% of you have returned your questionnaires, a 20% increase on last year. This is an incredibly high percentage and I think fully demonstrates the commitment that you all have to the school. If you have not yet returned your questionnaire, or have misplaced it, please feel free to ask for another copy or return it as everyone's views are important to us.

The results from the questionnaires are incredibly positive in all areas as you can see below:
(Please note that 1 family is equivalent to approximately 2.5%)

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
My child enjoys coming to school	80%	20%	0%	0%	0%
My child is safe at school	93%	8%	0%	0%	0%
The school understands and responds to my child's needs	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%
My child is taught well at school	93%	8%	0%	0%	0%
My child is making good progress	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%
My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best	90%	10%	0%	0%	0%
My child receives an appropriate amount of homework for his/her age	65%	35%	0%	0%	0%
My child enjoys a stimulating range of extra-curricular activities	73%	28%	0%	0%	0%
The school communicates with me effectively about my child's progress	68%	33%	0%	0%	0%
The school communicates with me effectively about how to support my child's learning	63%	38%	0%	0%	0%
The school communicates with me effectively about school events and activities	70%	30%	0%	0%	0%
The school seeks my views and listens to my concerns	63%	38%	0%	0%	0%
There is a good standard of behaviour at All Saints	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%
The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively	48%	28%	0%	0%	25%
The school is welcoming and there are opportunities to get involved	83%	18%	0%	0%	0%
I think the school is well led and managed	93%	8%	0%	0%	0%
My child is encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%
My child gets on well with children from other backgrounds	78%	23%	0%	0%	0%
My child is encouraged to positively contribute to the wider community	73%	28%	0%	0%	0%
I would recommend All Saints to another family	90%	10%	0%	0%	0%

As you can see from the results, 100% of parents who responded, placed either agree or strongly agree with all of the positive statements. The only exception to this is with the statement regarding bullying. However, from the details in the 'comments' box we can see that those who responded with 'don't know' have done so as they have not experienced any bullying issues but are confident that should this occur it would be well-managed and handled effectively.

There are many areas that you feel we are doing particularly well in. We are delighted that at least 75% of you strongly agree that we are performing well with:

- Children being happy at school
- Children feeling safe at school
- School responding to children's needs
- Children being taught well
- Children making good progress
- Children being encouraged to work hard
- Children behaving well
- School being welcoming
- School being well led and managed
- Children leading a healthy lifestyle
- Children getting on well with children from other backgrounds
- Children contributing to the wider community

Once again, we are delighted that 100% of you would recommend the school to other families. There were numerous positive comments about the school and it was heartening to see that many of these reflected our 'family approach', 'care for the children' and 'excellent teachers' amongst other things.

Areas of Development

There were a few points raised in response to areas that we could improve in the coming year. Any comments made by individual families have been passed on to the relevant members of staff.

Communication

Five questionnaires referred to communication improvements.

- most of these were with regard to emails and we are working hard to sort any technical issues that some of you have been having with receiving emails. This issue has been passed on to our technical support and they have assured us that they will look into it when they visit school later in November.
- A further suggestion was also made with regard to consolidating emails into one daily bulletin wherever possible and this is something that we shall look at over the coming weeks.
- One suggestion made was that parents should be telephoned rather than emailed when clubs are cancelled. As clubs are generally cancelled a few days in advance we intend to continue emailing with this information. However, if clubs are cancelled at very short notice we will in the future endeavour to telephone parents.

One questionnaire mentioned more joint parental learning opportunities. We are working with Stafford College to ensure that a Family Partnership course will run each term this year. The College offer many different and wide ranging courses. I have contacted the College and below is a list of courses that they have run. If you are particularly interested in any please do let me know.

English- Basic, Level 1 and Level 2

Maths - Basic, Level 1 and Level 2

IT- Basic, Level 1 and Level 2

Family Language- Designed to improve language and communication in families where English is not the primary language.

Arts and Crafts

Messy play for parents and young children

Christmas / Easter Crafts

Speaking and Listening- Time to Talk

Healthy Living- Budgeting, stress management, dealing with children's behaviour etc.

Fashion /Sewing

PARKING

A suggestion was made some time ago that a disabled parking space be made available close to the school gates and we have implemented this with a temporary sign as many of you will have noticed. Thank you to everyone who has shown respect for this new feature.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that one of our most important challenges is to keep children safe and to this end I would like to once again urge you to continue parking in a safe manner that is respectful to our neighbours when dropping off and collecting from school. A number of parents have made me aware of how difficult it can be when cars are parked on both sides of the road outside school. Can I also remind you all that from 8.45 am each morning staff are on duty on the main playground and so you are welcome to leave your children in their care. All that we would ask is that you let one of the staff members know that you will be leaving the playground.

Once again may I thank you all, on behalf of the staff and Governors, for taking the time to complete the questionnaire and for your continuing support of our school community. Your comments are vital in shaping the future of All Saints and ensuring that as a community we move forward together to ensure that our children receive the best possible school experience.

As ever, please do not feel that you need to wait until a questionnaire to air your views. Our doors and our emails are always open!

Warm regards,

Vicki Bradley

Headteacher

