

Parent questionnaire results

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to all those families who filled out the questionnaire at the parent consultation evenings. We had responses from 90 families, which was fantastic. The exact results in figures are on the school website, under newsletters if you would like to take a look. They are a very positive read and we are so thankful for the many lovely comments many parents took the time to write.

Below I have outlined anything we are enhancing as a result of your responses. Sadly, it is impossible to directly respond to each individual comment with an action. It has to be the areas we feel as a school we need to improve upon and where the majority commented on.

As we have always stated, if you have concerns about your child's progress, SEN needs, behaviour or homework, please contact the school office to make an appointment to see the appropriate member of staff. We are unable to deal with a concern unless you come and discuss it with the class teacher in the first instance.

Designated email day

One of the areas people commented on was the number of emails they receive from the school. I can see how this can happen as at times they are reminders or changes we have had to make simply due to the day to day matters that can arise in the school. However, we are going to make a conscious effort to stick to one designated email day each week. This email will provide a number of dates and notices for all year groups. There will not be a separate one for each phase. I will continue to put dates in the fortnightly newsletter and I have now updated the calendar on the website up until April. I will keep adding to this as things come up.

Clubs

One of the areas that were commented on was clubs provided by the school. I agree, that as a school, this is an area we could be providing further in. As of January, our phase leaders, deputy head and SENCO, will be providing lunch time clubs for children from reception to year 6. I have also managed to get a drama/musical theatre club to run a lunchtime for EYFS & KS1 and an after school club for KS2 on a Friday. We also have a computer club starting from January from an outside company for children in KS2. These places will be booked directly with the company and on a first come, first served basis.

Please look out for the club letters coming home before Christmas. Teachers may directly contact some parents of some children, who they feel would particularly benefit from attending any of the clubs. Their reasons might be to improve social skills, confidence, academic ability or provide extra challenges etc. It is of course your choice though as to whether you still decide to send your child to the different clubs. I will continue to look for further clubs for all year groups. If, you know of any companies that would be keen to run a club at the school, please email the parents@stbernadette.herts.sch.uk with their details.

I hope that from this letter, you will see that the questionnaire was simply not a tick box exercise and that as a school, we listen to your views and are keen to continuously improve upon our daily provision. I have shared the results with the governing body, who would also like to extend their thanks to the beautiful comments left on many of the questionnaires and are looking forward to working with the SLT team to work on our areas for development.

I look forward to seeing many more of you at the KS1 & KS2 Christmas productions over the next couple of weeks.

Best wishes

Mrs Lavelle-Murphy

