

13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was good to meet and talk with so many of you during the recent Open School evening. Thank you for taking the time to complete our questionnaire about information evenings that are organised by the school. Responses were evenly spread across all year groups and a majority (61%) said that you had attended an information evening sometime during the year. Of those who had attended one or more of the information evenings the vast majority (95%) said that they had found these very useful and informative.

Several parents specifically mentioned that they had attended the information evenings about maths, reading and phonics, and information for parents of reception children and that these had been very good. Many noted that they really valued the evenings organised each term for parents to meet their child's teacher to discuss progress and next steps. A couple of parents also mentioned that they had found meetings about SATs and also those prior to residential trips useful and supportive.

Typical comments included "all extremely helpful", "the maths session was excellent" and "very good information which was well presented".

There were some suggestions for how information evenings could be improved which included sending some information in advance of the meeting and having more written materials and/or web-based information available after the meeting. 6 parents mentioned that they felt communication around having mixed-age classes for years 3 and 4 next year could have been better and that they would have appreciated an information evening about this. Parents with children in these year groups will receive a separate letter with further information.

There were a number of suggestions for topics that parents would like information evenings in the future. As you might expect the majority were concerned with areas of the school curriculum: maths; reading and reading comprehension; spelling, punctuation and grammar (often just called SPAG); science. Other suggestions included: ICT and internet safety; PHSE and children's well-being; information about homework (specifically expectations of children and how parents can best support their children). There was also a suggestion that the school might consider inviting parents into class from time to time either during lessons or to attend class assemblies. All of these will be passed on to our new head teacher Mrs Moore.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the school and wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Penny Conway

Chair of the Governing Body