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Be Kind.
Be Brilliant.
Have an "I can" attitude.

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Dear Parents / Carers

Headteacher's Newsletter 2

The main topic for this newsletter is a summary of the parental survey that we undertook at the end of the summer term, along with the school's proposed actions in response to the findings.

Parental Survey 2019 - summary of results.

The school received 40 responses, which represents only 15% of the pupils. In some cases, however, some forms were submitted from parents/carers responding on behalf of 2 or more children.

Question	Responses
My child/children is happy at this school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree / strongly agree = 97% Disagree / strongly disagree = 3%
The school keeps my child/children safe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree / strongly agree = 100%
My child/children make good progress at this school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree / strongly agree = 97% Disagree / strongly disagree = 3%
The school keeps me well informed about my child's progress.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree / strongly agree = 95% Disagree / strongly disagree = 5%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree / strongly agree = 88% Disagree / strongly disagree = 12%
The school ensures that pupils behave well.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree / strongly agree = 92% Disagree / Strongly disagree = 8%
Oxley Primary School is well led and managed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree / strongly agree = 92% Disagree / Strongly disagree = 8%
The school responds well to concerns I raise.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree / strongly agree = 85% Don't know / not relevant = 8% Disagree / Strongly disagree = 7%
The school deals effectively with bullying.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree / strongly agree = 54% Don't know / not relevant = 39% Disagree / Strongly disagree = 8%
If asked, I would recommend this school to another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree / strongly agree = 97%



parent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disagree / Strongly disagree = 3%
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What parents/carers say the school does well	What parents/carers say could be improved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ High quality, personalised children's reports. ★ Children are happy to come to school ★ School is welcoming and caring. ★ Communication is usually good, but needs better consistency. ★ Promoting children's self esteem and resilience. ★ Good range of extra-curricular opportunities and school trips. ★ Good progress made by children. ★ Variety of learning opportunities. ★ Boosting children's self confidence; children given lots of positive encouragement. ★ Supportive teaching and support staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Consistency and variety of homework. → Ensuring that all children are rewarded fairly, eg those who consistently show good behaviour. → Better consistency with the use of Class Dojo to keep parents/carers informed → Show greater pride in the school in general, including promoting the good work taking place. → More opportunities for sporting competitions.

School's response:

1) Homework

We are clarifying our expectations for homework across the school. Are expectations are as follows:

Reception

- An alternate Maths-related or English-related activity each week.
- The expectation that children will engage in some form of reading activity on a daily basis.
- Tic-Tac-Toe project work once per term.

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 (Tasks and levels of challenge will be age-appropriate)

- Alternate Maths-related or English-related activity each week.
- Expectation of some reading at home on a daily basis.
- Tic-Tac-Toe project work once per term.
- Spellings sent out weekly, tested weekly on set days.
- Times Tables Rockstars - for children in **Y2 upwards**. This is an online game that children can also use at home. Where we have trialled this in school, children have really enjoyed it and been motivated to take part in the challenges and games. More details to follow soon.

For children who have no internet at home, we will be providing before-school sessions once per week. Details to follow.

We will also be introducing a **homework club** for children we have identified as struggling to complete work at home. We will contact parents / carers of these children individually to discuss this.

2) Dealing with bullying

Whilst incidents of bullying are rare, we recognise the impact bullying can have on children.

- The playground has been split into "zones" at playtimes and lunchtimes, to ensure that nominated adults are monitoring each zone while children are on the playground.
- We continue to support the children to discuss bullying openly as part of our Personal, Social and Health Education programme. This includes a focus on cyber bullying.
- We ensure that allegations are investigated using a set format, to log details, share information among staff and continue to monitor the situation.
- Cyber bullying is included as part of our curriculum

- We take part in National Anti Bullying Week and have a special focus through school about bullying at this time.
- We continue to discuss and focus on bullying during assemblies throughout the year.
- Work closely with parents / carers of pupils who may be victims or perpetrators
- Provide "meet and greet" or "time to talk" opportunities for any pupils that parents / carers or staff have expressed concerns about.

Other items:

- Review school's policy for home-school communication. This may involve improvements to the way Class Dojo is used, but the school is signing up to **WeDuc**, a new communication platform, that should improve communication. We will keep you informed as and when we make any changes.
- Investigate ways in which children can take part in more sporting competitions; this could include competitions run within school as well as between local schools.

Lights on Thorpe Road

We are concerned about the fact that the orange flashing safety lights on Thorpe Road are not working. We have been in contact with a number of authorities to get the lights working again, as they are an important reminder to traffic to reduce speed at the start and end of the school day. In the meantime, I would please ask that when driving along Thorpe Road before and after school, to please be vigilant to any children who may dash out onto the road. In addition, I also ask that any parents / carers do not block the driveways of residents on the road, please. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Iveshead Open Evening

Please don't forget that Iveshead School is putting on an open evening for all parents and carers of primary age children. It is taking place this **Thursday from 5-8pm**.

Football Team Success!

We are very proud of our KS2 football team! Last week, they took part in a tournament, playing with about 16 teams from across North Charnwood. The Oxley team played magnificently, managing to win 3 out of their 4 matches. Thanks to the skill of the keeper - Sam - the Oxley team only let in 2 goals in all 4 matches! Well done to:

Ben F	Harry M	Sam H	Owen M	Summer R
Dillon M	Dylan B	Oscar H	Archie S	Reegan B

The team play in the next round of the competition next Monday, at Oxley.

Music Lessons

We are able to offer private music tuition in school for guitars, keyboards & violins for Years 2 and above. Please ask at the office for more information.

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 19th September, 5-8pm: Iveshead Open Evening for primary school parents / carers
- Tuesday 24th - Friday 27th September - Y6 residential visit to Caythorpe Court
- Friday 27th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning, 08:45 - 10:15.
- Monday 30th September, Wednesday 2nd October, Friday 4th October from 9:00 - Open Morning Tours at Iveshead School
- Tuesday 1st October - Thursday 3rd October: Y3 residential visit to Beaumanor
- Week beginning 7th October - Parents' evenings. Late appointments Wednesday 9th October.
- Friday 11th October: Harvest Celebrations. Reception and KS1 9:00 / KS2 10:00.
- Friday 11th October - last day of half term.
- Monday 21st October - INSET day. School closed to pupils.
- Tuesday 22nd October - School opens to children.
- Friday 1st November, 2:30 - Y6 class assembly
- Friday 15th November - Children in Need Day
- Friday 15th November - flu vaccinations in school

- Friday 22nd November, 2:30 - Elephants class assembly
- Wednesday 11th December, 2:00 - Reception and KS1 Christmas Show
- Thursday 12th December, 2:00 - Reception and KS1 Christmas Show
- Friday 13th December, 1:45 - KS2 Christmas Celebration at St Botolphs Church
- Tuesday 17th December, "Young at Heart" Christmas Party 2:00.
- Friday 20th December - last day of term.

INSET Days when school is closed to pupils:

Monday 21st October

Friday 3rd April

Monday 13th July

Yours sincerely

Jason Gilman
Headteacher