

March 8th 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term-it was great to see the children settling in again so enthusiastically.

The building

The contractors have set up their site, and started work on the roof. Thank you all for your patience in using the Year Six end entrance.

Eco-week

Last week was 'eco-week' in school and the children learnt about threats to the environment, and how they can make a difference. We talked about saving fuel, not littering and generally looking after the planet to try to reduce climate change.

Chicks



Acorn and Cherry classes have been hatching chicks in their incubators- the children were really excited to see them hatch out and have been taking great care of them.

Survey results

Thank you very much to everyone who filled in our survey. We had replies from 33% of our families, which was brilliant.

On the whole there was a high level of satisfaction in most areas. The highest level of agreement was with the statement that children are happy to come to school and feel safe, and that families felt welcome in school, which was really good news. Nearly everyone felt that their children make good progress.

A small number of people were unsure about our approach to dealing with bullying, or felt that their children had witnessed some less good behaviour. Our behaviour policies and anti-bullying policy are on the new school website but we feel that we would like to do some more work to ensure that people do feel confident in these areas.

A few people felt that there were not enough after-school clubs. As you know, we are unusual in offering all our after-school clubs free of charge. We will definitely look at the feedback and see if we can offer anything additional.

Some people who said that they were unhappy about something added their names and I am trying to get back to them to see what we can do to improve things. Please do remember that you can always ask to have a talk with the class teacher, or with me, if you are worried about anything.

Thirty-nine families said that they would use paid-for after-school care- we are working on business plan for this and will let you know as soon as we know how it will run.

We surveyed children as well, and their replies again were overwhelmingly positive. More after-school clubs was again what more children asked for, so this is another reason to look at our provision again.

School Day

School gates open at **8.10** and the school day starts at **8.40**. We are expecting children into classrooms at 8.40. If children don't arrive until 9.00, they will be missing important learning.

Please do not use the main reception entrance when bringing and collecting children, as this can become very busy. A separate note is coming to you to explain what the arrangements are for bringing and collecting children at the moment.

Best wishes,

Sue Vermes