

Spring Term 2017

Dear Parents and Carer

I would firstly like to wish all a happy new year! I would also like to say a very big thank you for your great response in completing the questionnaires during consultations with class teachers in November. The responses were so positive and this has really boosted all of the staff at school. I am so pleased that 85% of parents and carers know of our online resources to help with home learning, and that 70% have used them; also 95% of our pupils are also aware and have used the resources!

As is to be expected, not all responses were positive but many parents offered useful suggestions on how we could make improvements and we have discussed these at school and hopefully come up with some ideas that might help to address them. I have included a table to show the % of responses made and the suggestions made for improvements. Underneath, are further suggestions that were made and I have identified some ideas on how to address these. I have also provided information on how school deals with the issues raised.

I hope you find this information useful and together we can make the improvements needed.

169 parents attended consultations) / 115 parents completed questionnaires , in some cases 1 form was used by families for more than 1 pupil.

		Agree/Strongly agree	Disagree/Strongly disagree	Don't know	Suggestions made by parents/carers
1	I am satisfied with the school	96%	3%	1%	
2	My child likes school	94%	4%	2%	
3	My child was helped to settle well when they started school	97%	3%		
4	My child is making good progress at school	99%		1%	
5	Pupils behave well in school	95%	5%	5%	
6	Teaching is good	97%	1%	2%	
7	Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best	98%		2%	
8	The homework that is given builds well on what my child learns in school	92%	2%	6%	
9	Staff treat all children fairly and with respect School Clubs	96%	2%	2%	
10	My child is encouraged to be healthy and to take regular exercise	95%	1%	4%	
11	My child is safe in school	96%	3%	1%	
12	My child received appropriate additional support in relation to individual needs	89%	2%	9%	
13	I am kept well informed about my child's progress	92%	7%	1%	Monthly reports to parents.
14	I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions, suggestions or problems.	95%	4%	1%	
15	I understand the school's procedure for dealing with complaints	92%	4%	4%	
16	The school helps my child to become more mature and take on responsibility	97%	1%	2%	
17	My child is well prepared for moving on to the next school.	84%	3%	13%	
18	There is a good range of activities including trips or visits	85%	12%	3%	More trips wanted
19	The school is well run	95%	3%	2%	

Question 5: Behaviour

The school has a behaviour policy that is applied to all pupils. All pupils are fully encouraged to share concerns they have with staff and are dealt with fairly. Every term, class teachers identify the level of support pupils require for behaviour management and intervention is provided as appropriate.

Please can parents and carers also share their concerns with staff if they feel that this policy is not being carried out correctly to help us to ensure that it is. Mrs Rosser is the school's Family Officer and could be your first point of contact if you wish.

Question 8: Homework

Homework for all classes is displayed on the website and is available in the school foyer on a Friday. Don't forget to look on line for other resources to help support your children's home learning. A new resource for every year group is added every half term!

Question 15: School Complaints Procedure

All complaints need to be shared with the Headteacher in order to try and resolve issues. If however you feel the issue has not been resolved satisfactorily, a formal complaint can be made. The school has a Complaints Policy which describes how this is undertaken. A copy is available on the website and from the office.

Question 18: Trips and Visits

Staff will organise 1 trip per term which is linked to the class project. Other visits are undertaken regularly at no cost to the pupils. Nursery class will go on their first trip during the Summer Term and SNRB pupils will start in the Spring Term. Hopefully, this will motivate the children and not be too expensive for parents!

School Clubs:

Last year 84% of pupils attended school clubs. All pupils are asked what clubs they would like, then Mr Baker organises the clubs, some are at lunch time and some are after school. A timetable is sent out to parents at the start of every term and pupils can turn up to clubs when they wish; a register is always taken. If some pupils don't attend a club Mr Baker speaks to them to find out what might interest them, or what might stop them from attending, so that other arrangements can be made. If anyone has skills and they would like to run a club, please contact Mr Baker.

Supporting Charities:

School is always very mindful of how frequently money is requested from families. Termly school trips have costs for travel and admission fees. Y4/5 pupils swim weekly, Y5/6 attend a residential trip and Y6 visit London (subsidised by the Friends of Maendy).

Historically, school has supported 2 charities per year, 1 to support the local community and 1 which supports Streepur Village Orphanage in Bangladesh. Rev. Thomas of the Holy Trinity Church, Pontnewydd has strong links with the Streepur Village Orphanage, and every year children decorate envelopes and donate money at Harvest Time. The Orphanage always sends drawings or thank you letters in response. The School Council identifies the local charity through asking pupils, parents and Governors their views and then they decide who they will sponsor. Last year Dementia was supported.

Parents and school working together:

The school will make this a focus for 2017/18, and will be a priority in the school's development plan.

