



## At our recent parent evenings, on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015, we asked parents and carers to share their views about our School....

Of the 265 parent / carers who returned questionnaires ....

- 98% agreed that their child is happy at Whitley Park
- 98% agreed that their child feels safe at Whitley Park
- 99% agreed that their child was making good progress
- 99% agreed their child was well looked after
- 98% agreed that their child was well taught
- 86% felt that their child receives appropriate homework for their age and 6% did not comment
- 89% has access to a laptop/computer/tablet and the internet to do their homework and 6% did not comment
- 93% agreed that the school works hard to ensure children are well behaved and 3% did not comment
- 89% felt that the school deals effectively with bullying and 5% did not comment
- 96% agreed that the school was well led and managed and 3% did not comment
- 94% felt that the school responds well to any concerns they might have and 4% did not comment
- 93% were able to access the school website to find out more about the school and 5% did not comment
- 97% agreed that they received valuable information about their child's progress and 1% did not comment
- 95% would recommend Whitley Park to another parent and 1% did not comment

### **Our response to this:**

#### **Pupil Behaviour:**

The school works very hard to support children to make the most of their learning opportunities by behaving well and engaging in a positive way in classrooms. The vast majority of children do behave extremely well and we are able to recognise this through our termly Behaviour Award Assemblies. Behaviour Tracking helps us to track and support the small numbers of children who find it difficult to behave in a positive way and by working with parents and the Behaviour Support Team we can help them to make good choices and make the most of their learning each and every day.

#### **Bullying:**

At Whitley Park we aim to provide a safe and happy learning environment which fosters confidence, kindness, respect and trust and ensures each child feels included, valued and secure. If you suspect that your child is being bullied in school then please refer to the flow chart that we have sent out to each family and most importantly share your concerns with your child's class teacher immediately so that we can work together to provide support and a resolution. If you would like more information about how to spot the signs of bullying or what to do if you suspect it is taking place then please ask for a copy of our 'If I feel my child is being bullied, what should I do?' guidance sheet which provides advice for parents and carers. We have robust systems in place to investigate and follow up any bullying incidents and we keep records of the work that we do to support the small number of children who have been victims of bullying. By working together we can combat bullying in our school.

## **Homework:**

We set homework for our children in a variety of ways.

- You will all be aware of the new spelling programme that we have introduced to school for children in years 2-6 and with it the weekly spelling homework that should be completed in time for the children's weekly spelling quiz.
- In addition to this each year group publishes an overview of the curriculum for the term ahead on our website and we invite you to explore this with your child at home making the most of the home learning ideas that are sent home by each year group.
- Depending on the age of your child additional homework may also be set each week with an expectation that if this is not completed children will be provided with an opportunity to complete it during their break times so that they do not fall behind. We also offer a homework club after school every Friday for children who prefer to do their homework in school with the support of a teacher.
- We also ask that children read with an adult every day for about 20 minutes, this can include being read to – there is nothing better for a child than having a story read to them just before bed, no matter how old you are!
- For our younger pupils we ask that parents share a book with their child every evening, nothing can replace good quality reading experiences for children and we are more than happy to provide books and advice for parents if they are unsure about the best way of supporting their children in this way.

Please visit the home learning page on our school website to find out more about the ways in which you can support your child with their learning at home, you will find some useful links there which will direct you to educational websites that we would recommend.

## **School events:**

A number of parents have commented on the fact that they miss coming into school to see school plays and we have responded to this by inviting parents along to a sharing assembly each term. This is an opportunity for the children to showcase their learning and for parents to find out about everything that they have been up to over the term. The assemblies often include recitals, singing, drama, presentations and quizzes to encourage audience participation and we hope that you enjoy them as much as the children do.

In addition to this our children now perform at St Agnes Church on three different occasions during the school year and we are delighted to welcome more and more parents to these family celebrations.

**Finally I would like to thank all parents for their support for our school. There have been a number of changes to school life over the last few years and I recognise that change is not always easy. We are always interested in your views and happy to listen if you feel concerned about some of the changes that have taken place. Everything that we do at Whitley Park is because we have the best interests of your children at heart, like you we care about their happiness and well-being and we share your aspirations for them to achieve well.**

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