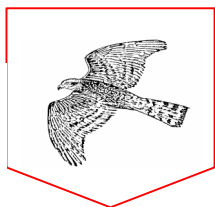


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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who completed the questionnaire either on line or on paper. It is so nice to be able to end my first half term as Head Teacher with such positive feedback. The results are below, as is a brief explanation of how I hope I can meet some of your areas of suggested action.

Yours sincerely

Aly Ward

		Strongly agree	agree	disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1	My child enjoys school	55%	43%	2%		
2	My child is making good progress	42%	53%	2%	2%	
3	Pupils at Hawkinge Primary School behave well	15%	76%	4%		4%
4	The teaching at Hawkinge Primary School is good	46%	54%			
5	I am kept well informed about how my child is getting on	26%	67%	2%	2%	2%
6	I feel comfortable about approaching the school with problems, questions or complaints	54%	46%			
7	Staff expect my child to work hard and do his/her best	43%	52%	2%		2%
8	The school is led and managed well	54%	41%			4%
9	The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions/ concerns	19%	74%			6%
10	The school provides appropriate homework	27%	58%	11%	4%	
11	Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent	27%	69%	2%		2%
12	There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable	27%	65%	4%		4%



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What do you consider to be the schools strengths?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers and staff ***** • Friendly and cheerful atmosphere ***** • Teaching is good / children get a good education ***** • Good after school club / clubs / breakfast club ***** • Children are happy / enjoy school***** • The schools achievements / the school is proactive in achieving well **** • Good communication - newsletters, website etc***** • Clear understanding of children's needs/ they care about the children***** • Children achieve well and are made to become more independent* • Children look smart* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of activities for children (inc visitors) ***** • Staff are fully involved at all school functions • School dinners • Behaviour • Golden time • Interested in the development of the child as a whole • High visual presence of HT / DH* • Healthy school** • Good OfSTED / the school has a good reputation • Good facilities • Good values • Any issues are dealt with quickly * • Strong sense of community * • Approachability of staff** • Children can walk to school* • Children are well mannered |
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What could be improved?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit on sale every day • Homework (too much, not enough) *** • Bike racks* • Stagger the school day • Teachers write what the children have been learning about every day on a board • More academic after school clubs / more after school clubs* • Free flow of reception class to outdoor area • Pre school on site • Cookery club* • don't mix classes / mixed age classes** • Use of internet for letters to be sent home • More parents evenings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • smaller class sizes • communication* • more emphasis on Christian values • Sports day* • No SATs • No cars in the school car park / parking facilities ** • New school hall / larger school hall* • More assemblies parents can attend • Some behaviour • Lunchtime is too rushed • Rubbish should not be returned into lunchbox • More support for children with learning disabilities • Some areas of the school need an update / refurbishment |
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Other Comments

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am generally really impressed with the excellent school • After school club is too expensive • Staff are doing a fantastic job and are happy to help address any concerns I have • Would like to see more spelling work • There should be more benches around • Some KCC money injected in the right places would update some of the facilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I hope there will be more support for after school club in the future • Overall, I am pleased with my child's progress • The football coach is brill! • Door products would be nice on the Reception class doors • Both my children are very happy to go to school, which to me, is the most important thing • Mill Lane should be one way |
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In conclusion

The items that are in bold have been addressed already.

- Fruit is now on sale by 2 of the House Captains for KS2 pupils daily in the library
- The school newsletters and this letter are on the school website if your child forgets to bring his/ her letters home. This is updated every weekend by Mr Rogers!
- The Dinner Supervisors have agreed not to return packed lunchboxes with the rubbish in them
- Over the half term holiday some refurbishment work has been planned for, and a thorough clean of the school.

Next half term

- Further refurbishment is planned in a couple of areas of the school including the Foundation Stage outdoor classroom
- Mr Metcalf will be starting a cookery club – look out for the letters going home about that one!
- Miss Clancy and Mr O'Brien have agreed to run some sessions for parents to let you know how we teach phonics / spelling and maths at school, so that you can be confident you are helping your child using the same methods!
- Tanya our Community Warden has agreed to come to school at the beginning of the day and the end of the day to investigate the traffic issues down Mill Lane, and in the school car park.
- The Senior Leadership Team will review homework before Christmas, and will probably ask you further questions to find out how we can improve the homework situation, as many parents' views were very mixed on this issue.

At the moment I am considering the issue of bicycle racks, I have had a meeting with Tanya about the safety issues of pupils cycling to school; I will next speak to the Parish Council to see if they have any plans to address any of my concerns. As yet I have made no decision, but the safety of the pupils who attend Hawkinge Primary school is my prime concern. I would ask that if you would like your child to travel to school in a healthy way that you encourage them to Walk On Wednesdays (and other days!) in the meantime.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire.

Aly Ward