



Governor Newsletter

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It seems that each year passes more quickly than the last, and 2019 has been no different. Together with our wonderful staff, Governors have seen Oaklands Infant School continue to grow.

The results of the annual parent survey and the feedback from the children have been very positive and we appreciate the time you have taken to tell us your ideas. Please do get in touch with any other feedback and keep reading for a summary of the results.

We are always excited to see the children move on to their next school and to see all the new faces in the new term. This year we also say goodbye to both Miss Field and Mrs Hutterli. I would like to publicly thank them for their hard work and contribution to Oaklands Infant School and wish them all the very best for the future.



Great Fire of London Workshop



Condition Improvement Funding

Back in the spring term, we submitted an application for additional funding to improve safeguarding for our school.

We have been extremely lucky to be granted the funding, to improve the front entrance of the school, to ensure the safety for all. The plan involves extending out and adding a new entrance of extra doors and access to the office. Our project also involves adding another gate at the end of the walkway from Ellis Road. We know there is a coded gate on the road but this additional gate will be nearer to the Infants and Acorns-Under-Five. Our aim is that again, we are ensuring that we are fully aware of who is coming onto our site.

The final part of the CIF project is to renew the fencing around the Foundation Stage outside area and to only have one gate to get into Ash class. We are very excited about these projects, some of which will start during the summer holidays.

New Parent Governor

Earlier this term we were very pleased to welcome Mat Parker as a new member of our Governing body. In his own words, we thought it would be good to introduce Mat:

“My daughter started at Oaklands in 2018 and her younger brother will follow in a couple of years. Because of this close connection to the school and a desire to put down some deep roots in the local community it is a privilege becoming a Parent Governor.

I work for the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board which is responsible for the education, training and continuous development of the engineering workforce in the UK.

I've lived in Crowthorne for just over three years now and believe it to be a fantastic community which is nowhere better reflected than at Oaklands each and every day.”



Results of the Annual Parents' Questionnaire

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who took part in the survey. This year we had 43 replies which is a significant drop from previous years; this is the first year we have conducted the survey online (and we hope to continue with this next year) so we will be working hard to encourage feedback next summer! The survey provides incredibly useful information for the Governors, and allows us to review any particular concerns/suggestions as part of our constant drive for improvement.

Overall, the results are hugely positive and we thought it might be helpful for you to see a summary of the results as %s – see the next page.



Chinese Workshop



Tim Davies Workshop



#	Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Overall agreement
1	My child enjoys attending Oaklands Infant School.	53%	47%	0%	0%	0%	100%
2	My child feels safe at this school.	56%	44%	0%	0%	0%	100%
3	My child is well looked after at this school.	58%	42%	0%	0%	0%	100%
4	There is a respectful and trustworthy relationship between pupils and staff.	54%	44%	2%	0%	0%	98%
5	My child is well taught in school.	49%	49%	2%	0%	0%	98%
6	My child is encouraged to work to his/ her full potential.	38%	53%	9%	0%	0%	91%
7	My child makes good progress.	35%	63%	2%	0%	0%	98%
8	The school offers a broad and balanced curriculum.	47%	53%	0%	0%	0%	100%
9	The school environment is attractive and well-resourced.	38%	53%	9%	0%	0%	91%
10	Children at this school are offered a good range of extra-curricular activities.	26%	42%	21%	11%	0%	68%
11	I am given good advice by the school so that I am able to support my child's education.	38%	53%	9%	0%	0%	91%
12	The information events offered at the school help me to support my child's learning.	31%	60%	9%	0%	0%	91%
13	My child receives appropriate homework for their age and ability.	21%	58%	12%	9%	0%	79%
14	I am kept well informed about my child's progress through parent's evenings, reports and informal conversations.	37%	49%	12%	2%	0%	86%
15	The school offers an 'open door' policy so that any concerns I have are dealt with.	53%	40%	7%	0%	0%	93%
16	Parental involvement in school is encouraged.	45%	51%	2%	2%	0%	96%
17	I am happy with the newsletter and communications to keep me informed about school news.	33%	53%	5%	9%	0%	86%
18	I am happy with communication from Governors.	14%	56%	19%	11%	0%	70%
19	This school encourages its pupils to be well behaved.	40%	58%	2%	0%	0%	98%
20	There is a strong sense of community within this school.	40%	60%	0%	0%	0%	100%
21	The school helps to instill positive values and attitudes through our deep roots and future growth characters.	44%	56%	0%	0%	0%	100%
22	The school is well led and managed.	63%	37%	0%	0%	0%	100%
23	I would recommend this school to prospective parents.	63%	35%	2%	0%	0%	98%

The 3 least positive responses were to Questions 18 (communication from Governors), 10 (extra-curricular activities) and 13 (appropriate homework). These, along with other questions, have been discussed and considered in detail by Governors. It is, however, important to point out that, overall, the % of parents in agreement for all questions is very positive, as illustrated by the table above.

We also asked for written comments and the most popular theme of these related to communication, with parents largely feeling that they are receiving too many e-mails. To address this, we will be consolidating e-mails, and the frequency of the School Newsletter will be reduced. In place of this we intend to post much more information on our new website which is now up and running.

We also had lots of brilliant comments about fantastic teachers and TAs, and the supportive, friendly environment of the school. There are too many individual comments to cover here but please, rest assured, that all feedback has been discussed and considered.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication. We wish the Y2 leavers good luck as they embark upon their next adventure and hope you all have a wonderful summer break.