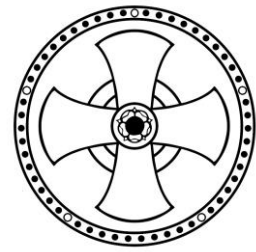




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Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> 2023

Re: Updates on staffing, parental questionnaires and Parent Forum

Hello, everyone

I'm sure you'll agree, it's been a busy term and I know that many of us are looking forward to the half term break. I thought I'd write to keep you in the loop with things at school.

The first piece of news is that we've retained our fantastic teachers and are fully staffed in September. The classes will be taught as follows across 2023/2024:

Reception	Miss Anscombe and Mrs Penfold
Year 1	Miss Cordell and Mrs McAteer
Year 2	Miss Hamilton
Year 3	Miss Turner
Year 4	Miss Spence
Year 5	Mrs Golawska and Mrs Philbrook
Year 6	Mrs Nicholson

Our invaluable support staff will be allocated at a later date. I know there was some feeling around Miss Spence taking Year 4 into Year 5 as the class has had a disrupted year, but taking specialisms into consideration, I feel I have the right teachers in the right places to ensure the highest quality provision, hence my decision. There'll be an opportunity for you to bid farewell to your child's current teacher later in the summer term.

Next, is an update on the parental responses to the surveys we sent out earlier in May. Thanks to those who sent these in, especially if they had suggestions for making our school even better. As I've mentioned, communication was an area here and we've already started looking into this with the use of Parent Forums – two of which have run this week. Your suggestions will form part of our action plans for September, so they really are invaluable. Here's a breakdown of the 70 responses we received:

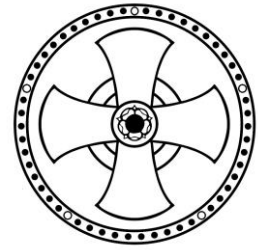
My child is happy at school	100%
My child feels safe at school	98.6%
The school makes sure that children behave well	94%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	87%
When I have raised a concern it is deal with properly	94%
The school has high expectations for my child	94%
My child does well at school	98.6%
The school keeps me updated on my child's progress	88%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	92.8%
The school supports my child's wider personal development	94.2%
I would recommend this school to another parent	98.6%

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The areas you've identified for us – keeping you updated with your child's progress and communicating what's being taught and when will be clarified for you in time for the autumn term and I'll be speaking to staff about how we keep you informed so that we can support each other. It's also worth pointing out that the surveys do also point to some highly positive elements, so thank you for that – these have been communicated to staff already and they were really moved by your comments and praise – THANKYOU!

The theme of 'thanks' is continued to those who came along to the two Parent Forums this week in Reception and Year 3. I cannot begin to tell you how important it is that I hear from you directly around things that we can do better. We'll be in touch about when we'll run other groups and how we'll continue to work together in this way.

Have a great half term when you get there!

Kind regards,

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