

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER

QUESTIONNAIRE

At our recent Parent Information Night we shared the results of our Parents' Questionnaire. Thank you for all your positive responses - we have read all your comments and suggestions and will be looking at areas for further improvements over this academic year.

| | | Strongly Disagree | Don't know | Agree Strongly Agree |
|----|---|-------------------|------------|----------------------|
| 1 | I feel my child is safe | | 2% | 98% |
| 2 | My child is happy | 1% | 2% | 97% |
| 3 | My child is well looked after | 1% | 2% | 98% |
| 4 | My child makes good progress | 3% | 2% | 95% |
| 5 | I am satisfied with the standard of teaching | 1% | 3% | 96% |
| 6 | I am satisfied with the range of activities outside lessons | 4% | 12% | 84% |
| 7 | My child receives appropriate homework | 9% | 3% | 88% |
| 8 | I am made to feel welcome | 2% | 2% | 96% |
| 9 | The school responds well to concerns raised | 2% | 7% | 91% |
| 10 | School has a caring attitude | | 2% | 98% |
| 11 | School ensures children are well behaved | | 4% | 96% |
| 12 | School deals effectively with bullying | | 36% | 64% |
| 13 | School is clean and attractive | | 2% | 98% |
| 14 | Resources are good | | 7% | 93% |
| 15 | School keeps me well informed (reports, newsletters, website) | 2% | 1% | 98% |
| 16 | Info and newsletters are easy to understand | | 1% | 99% |
| 17 | I receive valuable info about my child's progress | 5% | 2% | 93% |
| 18 | School expects my child to work hard and achieve their best | | 4% | 97% |
| 19 | I am happy with the way complaints are dealt with | 3% | 31% | 66% |
| 20 | School is well led and managed | | 3% | 97% |
| 21 | School works well with parents | 1% | 2% | 97% |
| 22 | I would recommend Mab's Cross to others | 2% | 2% | 97% |

MRS HOUSLEY & MRS SMITH'S CLASS ASSEMBLY

On **Tuesday 10th October** Mrs Housley & Mrs Smith's class will be presenting their assembly to the other Key Stage 2 children. We would like to invite parents of this class to watch the assembly which will start at **9.05 a.m.**

MRS FAWCETT'S CLASS ASSEMBLY

On **Wednesday 11th October** Mrs Fawcett's class will be presenting their assembly to the other Key Stage 1 children. Parents of Miss Fawcett's class are invited to come and watch the assembly which starts at **9.05 a.m.**

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan coffee morning - a grand total of **£292** was raised.

HALLOWEEN SALE

We will be holding a Halloween goodies sale on **Wednesday 11th October from 3.30 - 4.15 p.m.** in the school hall. Please come along and look what is on offer as any profit will be going towards our playground development fund.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual and family photographs will be taken by Tempest Photography on **Thursday 12th October**. Parents who would like to have their pre-school children included in the photograph may bring all children in their family into the school hall from 8.30am onwards - photos will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. We will presume that you wish brothers and sisters in school to have their photographs taken together, unless you send written instructions stating that you wish all your children to be taken separately.

PARENT AND STAFF ASSOCIATION (PSA)

There will be a PSA meeting on **Wednesday 18th October at 6.30 p.m.** in school. At the meeting we will be making plans for our Christmas Fair to be held on **Friday 1st December**. Any new ideas and volunteers would be very welcome.

UNIFORM

We have noticed there are a lot of items in lost property which are not named, including ties. Please ensure all items of uniform have your child's name in so they can be returned to them. Thank you.

P.E. BAGS

There are a number of children bringing big bags into school, rather than drawstring P.E. bags and reading bags. We have limited room in our cloakrooms and therefore the pegs are very close together - this means that when larger bags are hung on the pegs there is not enough room for the children's coats. If you could help us with this we would be very grateful.

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

The government expects schools to promote good attendance and act early to address patterns of absence. Holidays during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, and only for a **maximum of 5 days**. Holidays will not be authorised in the following circumstances:

- If your child's attendance is less than 95%
- If the absence would result in your child's attendance falling below 95%
- During September when children are settling into the new school year.
- If your child has had a holiday granted in the last 12 months
- In the lead up to SATS in Year 2 and Year 6.
- During assessment weeks in other year groups (the dates will need to be checked with school before a request is submitted).
- On the grounds of a holiday being cheaper in term time.
- A wedding abroad, unless it a direct family member (mum, dad, sister, brother)

Request forms should be submitted at least two weeks before the first day of absence.

HALF TERM

We will be breaking up for the half term holiday on **Friday 20th October** and returning to school on **Monday 30th October**.