



# Corby Old Village Primary School *Newsletter*

04/12/09

## Parents Questionnaire

A huge thank you to all our parents who completed and returned the questionnaire. This information is very useful to us in setting future priorities. The results were:

### Attitudes to School:

Does your child like being at this school? - 92% agreed

Does your child find lessons interesting? - 98% agreed

Does your child feel safe from bullying? - 80% yes

Does your child know who to talk to if they have a problem? - 88% yes

Action - Classes will carry out focused circle time on bullying and who they can talk to in school if they feel unsafe.

### Healthy Schools:

The school lunches are healthy and well balanced. - 95% agreed

The school provides good opportunities for physical exercise. - 100% agreed

The school helps the children lead a healthy lifestyle. - 99% agreed

### Curriculum:

The school gives a clear understanding of what is being taught. - 88% agreed

The school enables your child to achieve a good standard of work - 97% agreed

Your child feels comfortable asking for help when stuck. - 92% agreed

Satisfied with the work expected at home - 94% agreed

Action - Curriculum overviews are sent out at the beginning of each term giving an overview of what is being taught that term. This should give parents an insight into what is being taught.

## Questionnaire continued

### Premises:

99% of returned questionnaires were happy with the changes that had been made to security.

### Communications:

The school keeps you informed about your child's progress. - 98% agreed

It is easy to approach the school with questions or problems. - 96% agreed

How useful do you find the newsletter? - 98% good

Overall we were very pleased with the results from the questionnaire and it showed that a very large majority of you are happy with the work of the school. If you have any concerns or questions I urge you to discuss these with a member of the team. We are here to help.

## Attendance

Class	Week Ending 27th November	Week Ending 4th December
Ash	97%	95%
Willow	96%	98%
Oak	98%	96%
Elm	98%	95%
Birch	95%	96%

Please be aware that parents of children whose attendance falls below 85% will be contacted by Mrs Myles regarding the reasons for this.



## Gold Brick Winners



27th November

4th December

Liam Fairless

Jack Norman

Emily Griffin

Abigail Hales

Harvey Stewart

Martyna Piskor

Ellie Laywood

Sinead McCaffrey

Chloe Ball

Scarlett Clarke

### Comments from the Questionnaire

“...the school continues to provide a good standard of help and support for the children.”

“I think it is great that Mrs Williams is available at the school ground in the mornings and afternoons. It gives an opportunity to approach her if needed.”

“School is more relaxed and organised.”

“...teachers always take time to greet us and chat to us at the gate, I know I can approach if needed.”

“Woodland area is a great place for the children.”

“The school has some wonderful staff including dinner ladies, site supervisor, lollipop lady and volunteers who help the children to read.”

“I think the security of the school is very good, I trust that my child is safe.”

“Décor of the inside - happy environment to be in.”

“Security is so much better.”



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### Dates for your diary:

8th/9th Dec -  
Christmas Play KS 1  
Fri 11th Dec - Christmas Bazaar  
Tue 15th Dec - KS 2  
Carol Concert  
Weds 16th Dec - Christmas  
Dinner  
Thurs 17th Dec - Christmas Disco  
Fri 18th Dec - Last Day  
Mon 4th Jan - INSET  
Tue 5th Jan - School Reopens

### Your Questions/Comments Answered...

“Door handles being taken away; for me was very unsuitable for child’s safety it felt like a very cheap option.”

We take security very seriously, and on reviewing the situation last year it was apparent that the school was not secure as the doors could not be locked securely. The doors were only recently fitted and the cost of replacing them ran into the thousands. The nature of the doors also meant that the locks could not easily be replaced without permanently locking the doors meaning they could not be opened from the inside. After consultation with lock smiths and health and safety representatives the only viable option was to remove the handles from the outside.

“Can you explain why no Christmas Play for KS2?”

To maximise learning during the Autumn term, and ease pressure on the need for rehearsal space, the production for Key Stage Two has been moved to the summer term. This will give the classes time to prepare for it properly.

“Parents need to be made more aware of the FORS group”.

Although FORS raises funds for the school, it is not run by the school. If anyone wishes to join FORS please come to the school office and we will be more than happy to pass details on.

“Does homework relate to the work she is doing in school?”

Yes. Homework should be a consolidation of what the children have been covering, or prior learning to what is coming up.

“Parking—safety outside the front of the school and parents parking on zig zag lines.”

It has been requested in newsletters several times for parents to use the car park if dropping off by car. I have also spoken directly to those involved. As a Governing body we are looking into what can be done to resolve this issue.