

Thank you for all your responses to the parental survey last term and all your constructive comments which we have taken on board. I have responded to some of the questions and published the results along with some very affirmative positive observations. If anyone would like to discuss any specific concerns further please don't hesitate to get in touch.

#### Queries and Questions:

- There were several comments regarding **catering**: from April we shall be taking the management of the kitchen in house which will enable us to respond more effectively to any issues.
- **School trips** have been limited over the last couple of years for obvious reasons, although I am pleased to say that we have managed to take the children out more than most schools, which is a reflection of our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum. This is helped by the fact that we have our own school minibus which gives us a degree flexibility and reduces costs. We also have to bear in mind the affordability of school trips for parents and do not want burden people with additional expenditure.
- With regard to how the school **communicates with parents**, it may be useful to outline which mode of communication we use in different circumstances: General news is included in the weekly newsletter (on the school website); detailed information is transmitted through the school APP and via email, this blanket information goes out to the whole school to keep everyone informed; if there is any information which is pertinent to a specific class then this will be emailed separately. We try to stick to this and on the whole it does work well. If, however you are in any doubt then please call us to ask for clarification.
- The range and variety of **after school clubs** has been restricted to mostly outside sporting clubs for older children but we have continued to offer these whereas many schools have been unable to. However we do have a more exciting range of extra-curricular clubs planned (hopefully after half term) but we have to be patient and see if we are in a position to start then.
- At the beginning of each school year, there is an opportunity to meet your child's **new class teacher**. We keep parents informed of their **children's progress** through annual reports and through parent consultations or face to face parents' evenings (when possible). If you would like to talk to the class teacher if you have concerns over progress then please make an appointment to do so.