

Heswall Primary School

'Better Never Stops'



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Dear Parents,

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Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who has been able to complete the online survey that we will use to help drive the school forward. I wanted to give you some early feedback about what our parents say about our school.

Key Points –94% of parents said their children felt safe in school. 74% felt their child was making good progress but 16% of parents are unsure. 81% felt their child was taught well. 84% felt standard of behaviour was good or better. 69% felt that the school responds to concerns with a further 16% feeling neutral on this or had no concern to comment on. 91% of parents are pleased that they send their child to Heswall Primary. 90% feel the school is good or better. 81% feel the school is well run by its leaders and governors.

What parents feel are the best things about our school:

Staff; Community feel; Welcoming school; Sense of community that children have with each other; child enjoys their days, Staff treat children like their own; All employees (including lollipop man) and the teaching styles; love the child's teacher; The children do come first; Inclusion for all; lovely kind community school; How happy the children are; Happy family atmosphere.

What parents think about communication:

Communication – more warning for events; Not enough communication, Too many emails; Ensuring calendar on website always updated; More content on Facebook.

What parents want us to continue working on;

More support/working with the council on the roads around school; ensure that we continue to balance the need between academic push and managing the children's social and emotional limits; updating the menu; maybe get solar panels, more senior staff presence on the yard each morning; no building work in term times, improvement on working with bullying; meet the teacher before the school year starts; more updates on progress.

Response from Headteacher

This has been a very busy term and a term that has been challenging for a number of reasons but we are doing well and it is pleasing that so many parents are feeling that their children are happy and learning well. Although most of the responses have been overwhelmingly positive comments, where the comments are asking for further improvement, myself and my team remain 100% committed to making Heswall Primary School the very best that it can be. We promise you that we will always give our very best for your children.

This first half term has been difficult with the roof work taking place and although there has been a few classrooms put temporarily out of action by this, we have mostly had all the inside of the school operating as usual. The official completion date for the roofers to be finished is 8th November but in a recent meeting, they have advised that they are likely to be finished earlier. A huge amount of work that could not be done whilst children were in the building will be completed at half-term. We are

With regards to the school ethos and how we deal with potential bullying incidents, myself and all my staff will continue to ensure the school keeps that balance with academic achievement and how happy the children are. It took a long time to build to this point and we are dedicated to being an 'Outstandingly Happy School'. If anyone ever has a concern, whether they feel a child is being bullied or their child is just sad, please let us know and we

will be straight on it. We always deal with any situations like this immediately and work to resolve any conflicts in their entirety. In the vast majority of cases this is usually achieved very quickly for the pupils.

With regards to communication, I will meet with all of my teams and we will discuss the improvements that will ensure that parents feel more informed about events within school and with regards to academic progress.

What we have achieved since the end of the summer term?

- Extended the size of the nursery to ensure we could meet the needs of the children in the local area.
- Almost have a complete new roof. Like you, we would have loved for this to be complete in the summer holidays but the project was just too big. We do however feel pleased to get the special funding that it has taken to get this much needed project complete (Over half a million pounds). The original roof dates back to 1976 and was in a real need to be upgraded. We are nearly there.
- Two new teachers including a new deputy headteacher who is also a maths specialist have taken up post.
- Successfully received some small amounts of funding to provide additional support for a number of pupils.
- New Grammar focussed start to the year that has set the year up well for the writing that is now following.
- With the support of Oak Trees MAT, we have a School Improvement Lead now working with the school more often than ever before.
- Oak Trees MAT Eco-council
- Successfully passed all of our audits including Safeguarding and Finance.
- Hedgehog Friendly School – Working towards our Gold Award.
- Introduction of new values and value certificates.
- Harvest at the Lighthouse Church in Heswall.
- Head Boy and Head Girl Elections
- Growth Mindset Assembly – The Power of Yet!
- Subject Leadership Special Educational Needs.
- Worked on implementing some additional teaching methods using the Rosenshine Principles.
- Whole school safeguarding training, cyber security training, PREVENT training.
- Weekly Yoga Sessions for Y1 and Y3 with Grace Pennington.
- Participation in the Wirral Primary School Cross Country events
- Online Author Event in Key Stage 2.
- Cheshire Wildlife Trust Workshops.
- Geography Field trips.
- World Mental Health Day (Hello Yellow).
- Flu Vaccinations.
- Judo Education Workshop
- PTA Welcome Breakfast For F2
- Y3/Y4 Harvest Festival Performance
- School Disco (Currently happening as I type this – all the children are having lots of fun) Thank you to the PTA for organising this and for being amazing as always.

Thank you again for all your support over the first half term. We hope that all the children have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 4th November.

Kind regards,



Mr J Lawrenson, Headteacher

