

## SUMMARY OF PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you for completing these. I really value your efforts of your honest and helpful answers to help us improve; so many were hugely positive and complimentary. They are a joy to read - thank you.

There were 43 replies to our questionnaire out of 103 families so we assume that most parents are happy with the provision and don't feel the need to respond formally. However there were a few requests and questions.

Please read below my clarification on the subjects a few of you kindly brought to my attention. The following may help you to see more clearly the things of which you are unaware.

### Some requested more sport in school.

The National Curriculum Authority designated sport time per week is one hour at KS1 and 1½ at KS2.

We EXCEED this amount by a long way and provide many exciting in class opportunities for sport. We have rugby, tennis, extra swimming, football, Brock college students sports partnership, weekly fun run (parents always invited), and dance days.

Lunchtime and after-school clubs include dance, football, netball, multi-skills, athletics, cricket, play-leaders, Trailblazers, team elite, tag rugby.

Clubs have to be funded and sporting activities are expensive. Even though it is expensive this hasn't stopped us do more than we really need to.

We have recently gained our Gold Sports Mark Award in March 2007.

### Some requested more music in school

The national Curriculum Authority designated time for music is 50mins at KS1 and 1 hour at KS2. We have a choir and weekly music lessons with Mrs Wilson. All children have the chance to take specific musical interests further i.e., guitar lessons, clarinet and flute and recorder with the support from the Hampshire Peripatetic music service. We run choir and recorder clubs.

Children sing everyday in worship.

We produce a KS1 Christmas production, a KS2 carols concert, and an Easter service which all include musical elements.

Following the success of 'Hopscotch' in 2002 and since I have been here, we have had a KS2 summer production nearly every year which has taken time out of the curriculum but have been a huge success.

Class assemblies are very musically biased too.

### Some requested more information/communication from school

Everything we give to you, i.e., newsletters, curriculum overview, year at a glance for parents, policies and prospectus are all on our website (<http://www.schools.hants.org.uk/brockenhurst-primary/>) and can be accessed by all. Paper copies can always be provided on request. I have held information meetings but they have been poorly attended.

One person asked to be involved in children's assemblies, please come and see me if you would like to help more with this special part of our day. All parents are invited to class assemblies and special celebration assemblies. These are advertised on our year at a glance and newsletters.

### Some requested more support with homework

There were comments about too much or too little homework. Our policy below is available on request.

I invite you all to meet me on Thursday 13 September 2007, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. to discuss homework and how you can support your child.

Link books were mentioned by one as some are not being completed by staff. I have followed this up!

Able Children are on the school improvement plan again this year as we are always looking for new and exciting ways to stimulate and excite all learners especially the more able learners.

Some children do demand attention by behaving negatively, however our very positive approach to these issues are reflected now in the fact that very few children misbehave. We are an inclusive school and we like to include everyone.

We aim to meet a variety of needs and do our utmost to encourage all children to behave well for themselves and everyone around them. This positive approach has supported the teachers and the children in every way.

Rewarding children who behave well is very much part of our school ethos. We have a weekly golden time club, stickers and star awards which do just that.

We give extra playtimes and lots of praise, 96% of the children in a recent questionnaire felt they were loved and highly valued. We have both some small presents to reward specific children who have mastered difficulties and we have selected some children who have worked hard for days out and special treats. We spend about £600.00 on stickers each year. The recently acquired golden and silver stickers can be used to gain prizes by a website.

While this questionnaire was supposed to be confidential, some people mentioned particular things that are pertinent to their family. PLEASE do come and see me and we can discuss together your concerns and ideas. I'd be delighted to meet you.

One parent thought that there were not that many after-school options for younger children. From past experiences, I have always found that the youngest children are very tired after a day in school and don't always get the best out of after school activities. The present broad and balanced curriculum under Mr Pepin provides a very full and active day, recently graded as 'outstanding' by an Inspector for Early Years. The rest of the school was graded 'good' with several 'outstanding' features. This judgement gives you a 'county wide' and 'national' perspective on where we stand when compared to other schools.

We need help with lunch times, clearly we need 7 lunch time supervisors each day and often my staff and I cover dinner times to support the shortage of lunchtime staff. Just an application, CRB check and short interview is all it takes!! Come and join us and help care for the best of children!

We need help with running after school clubs, especially if parents don't want staff to be bought in and then paid for by you. Please do let me know if you feel you could help with a club at any time. Most staff run clubs and I feel that I cannot ask them to do any more. Thank you to the parents who do help us on a regular basis. The children love having you in school.