

2 STARS AND A WISH

Thank you very much to everyone who took the time to complete the “2 Stars and a Wish” survey at the end of last term. We had a fantastic response to the survey and we really appreciate all the positive comments and ideas put forward by parents/carers and staff, which will be invaluable in informing our plans for the school and the pre-school over the next few years.

The governors have been reviewing the survey findings with the school and we wanted to share with you some of the actions which are already being progressed as a result of your suggestions.

You said.....	We will....
<i>You would like more regular information about your children’s progress.</i>	<i>Work towards giving you online access to teacher assessments for your children in reading, writing and maths using the new “Pupil Tracker” system.</i>
<i>Homework levels are sometimes excessive and limit the opportunities for other activities/family time after school.</i>	<i>Restrict weekly homework to core skills from September 2015 (reading, phonics/spellings, times tables and MyMaths), with occasional project/topic work which can be completed over a number of weeks.</i>
<i>You would like the children to have access to a wider range of reading material and to have more opportunity to choose their own reading books.</i>	<i>We already committed expenditure of £4,000 for new reading books earlier this year and we will continue to invest in a range of books to complement the existing reading schemes. Introduce a system which will enable children and parents to access the school library before and after school to choose and borrow books.</i>
<i>You would like more notice of special events in school, particularly those which involve dressing up.</i>	<i>Most of the key events are already published on the school website, in newsletters and in topic letters. We will be looking to make further improvements by exploring the feasibility of including a comprehensive calendar on the website to show all the key dates and events in the school year as far in advance as possible.</i>
<i>The outdoor space could be improved.</i>	<i>Investigate what funding is available for outdoor play equipment and additional security fencing so that full use can be made of the outdoor space. Look at developing an outdoor learning/seating area and investigate whether there is a suitable area to reinstate the play trail.</i>
<i>You would like the children to have more opportunities to explore creative activities and participate in competitive sports.</i>	<i>Consider whether an end of year production can be put on next year to give the children the opportunity to develop their talents in performing arts. Set up a football league with the other Septenary Trust schools and try to persuade the other schools to set up leagues for other sports.</i>
<i>Pre-school pick-up/drop-off times are very busy and the space gets crowded.</i>	<i>Pre-school pick-up/drop-off procedures have already been improved and have been successful in reducing congestion at these times. The gates on West Hill Road will be opened slightly earlier in the morning to provide a safe waiting area away from the road and shelter if it is raining.</i>

You said....	We will....
<i>Pre-school children would benefit from more trips around the local area.</i>	<i>Investigate opportunities for taking the children on more regular trips, to the park, beach, library or other local places of interest, in small groups or with family members invited.</i>

If you are interested in reading the full report on the survey findings, a copy can be found on the school website www.stmichaelsprimary.bournemouth.sch.uk, under the “Parents” tab. Just click on “Consultations and Surveys” and you will find a link to the report.

We would welcome your feedback on the survey findings or any other aspect of school life. Please feel free to e-mail the governors on: governors@stmichaelsprimary.bournemouth.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you!