



Bishopstone C.E. Primary School

Upcoming Dates

Sunday 23rd March—Sports Relief at Coate Water (for those who have registered)
 Thursday 27th March—Junior Road Safety Competition (yr5/6)
 Monday 31st March—'Make a noise' concert (Rec/Yr1)
 Thursday 3rd April—Yr5 taster day at Ridgeway—CANCELLED/RESCHEDULED
 Friday 4th April—Easter service at church and bonnet parade—13:30
 Friday 4th April—Break up for Easter holidays

Dear Parents/Carers

It looks like spring has come to Bishopstone with the beautiful sunshine. Lots of springtime singing with Junior Voices last night at the Oasis. Jasmine, Isaac, Jack, Heidi, Miya, Oscar, Joshua, Charlie and Oliver represented Bishopstone School proudly. It was wonderful to hear all of the Swindon Primary children singing together.

Miss Lindsay

VIAM

Jasmine, Taran, Miya, Isaac, Heidi, Mollie, Eleni, Farragh, Tillyjayne

Last week 9 children from Bishopstone joined with a group from Goddard Park to go on an exciting adventure to take part in 'Voice in a million'. We left the school at midday, arriving at Wembley Arena to eat our lunch and wait with the other 6000 children to become seated! Once settled the children took part in a full rehearsal, breaking for tea and souvenir shopping before the actual concert started at 7pm. The atmosphere was amazing, electric and 6000 children waving glow sticks in the dark was mesmerising. Our children were superb, singing with enthusiasm, participating to the very end and Jasmine, Heidi and Farragh paraded the school sign across the stage in front of 10,000 people! I was incredibly proud of all the children, especially as we didn't return to Swindon until after midnight. Thanks also goes to Mrs Golding for accompanying us and Goddard Park for helping to make it happen!

Please find attached the results of the parent questionnaire. This was the results from 17 parents (out of 30). The staff and governors have reflected on the results and will be striving to act on the information we have received from this percentage of parents.

We are now asking the children their views and they will participate in a short survey next week.

Changes will be reflected in new school policies, which will be with you shortly, where your comments will be warmly welcomed.

Decoration

We have now completed the small teaching room upstairs, re-named 'the yellow submarine' as there is certainly a calming yellow theme. Both the boys and girls toilets have been decorated and look fantastic, with the children having chosen the colours. We have the boys toilet door left to paint a bright blue. Next week we will take delivery of the final piece of furniture for one of the classrooms, allowing these to be 'spring cleaned' with all the new resources and storage set up.



Our total so far is: 1000

We need lots more for all the lovely things that the children are choosing!



Year 2 story writing with Explore from Sainsbury's

This week we had a visit from the teachers at 'Explore'. They worked with the year 2 children on a discussion about the story 'The hare and the Tortoise'....they had an animated discussion then about if animals can really talk, with some very different opinions and Matthew concluding with the fact you could always build a voice box for the animal and hear them that way! They then went on to work through a story of their own.



The children, with the help of Helen Cooper, have created amazing art work that will be covering large areas of the porch and hallway. This is now all complete and has been put onto boards. Every child has created something that is on the boards. These will start going up at the weekend, so look forward to a 'spring bug' welcome to the school.

Please continue reading the following pages for information about the parental survey and the Easter Church service.

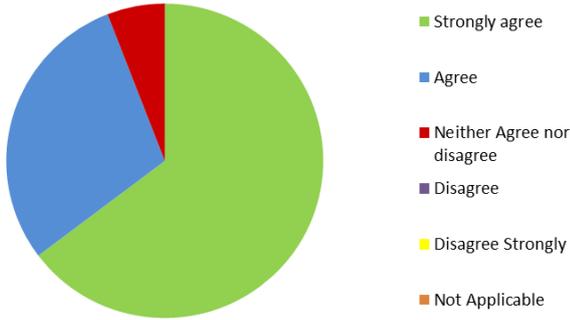
Bishopstone Afternoon Tea

TODAY 2:15pm in the village hall

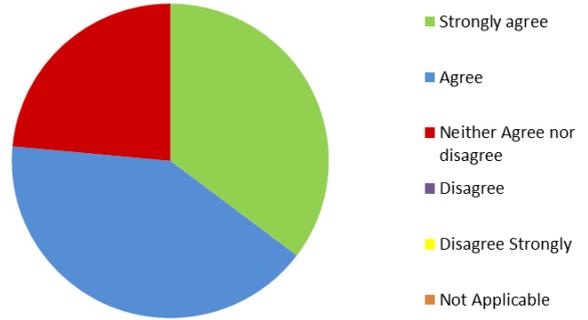


Parental Questionnaire results

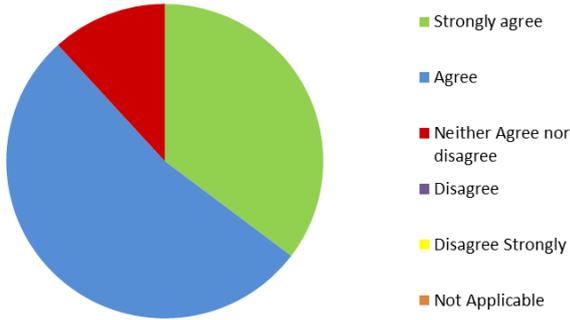
My child feels safe at this school



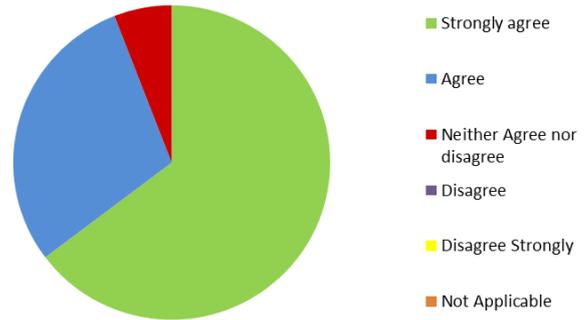
My child is making good progress at this school



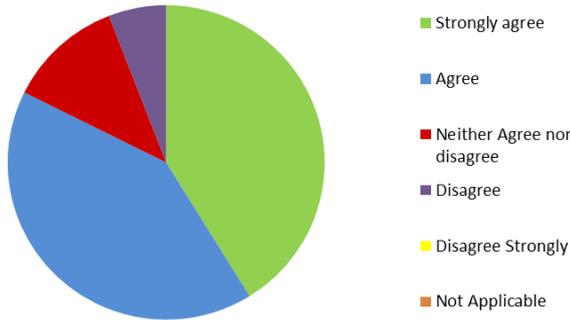
This school meets my child's particular needs



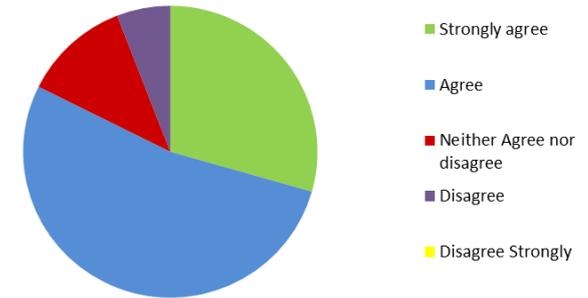
This school ensures my child is well looked after



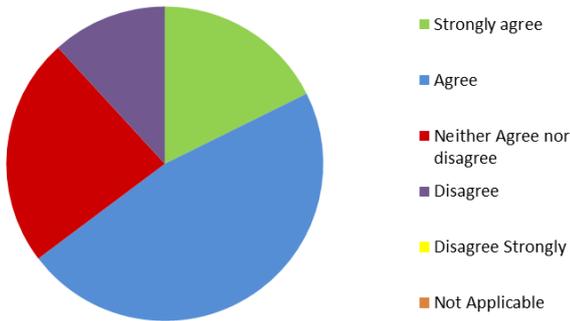
My child is taught well at this school



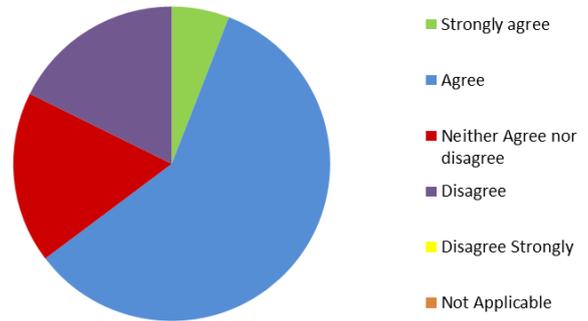
This school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics



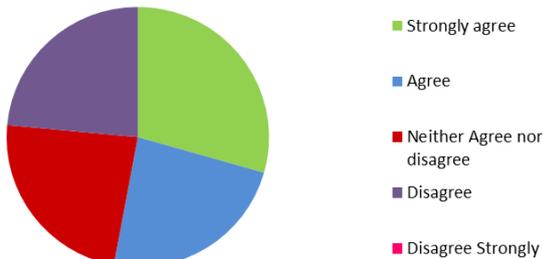
There is a good standard of behaviour at this school



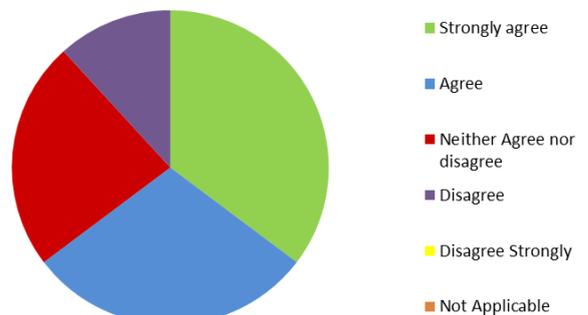
My child's lessons are not disrupted by bad behaviour



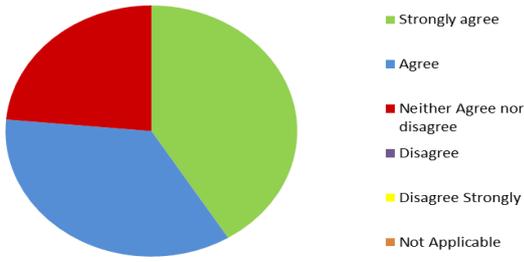
The school deals with any cases of bullying effectively



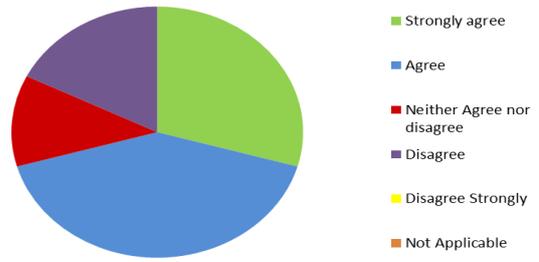
The school helps me to support my child's learning



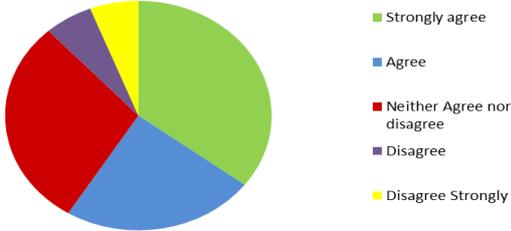
The school responds well to my concerns



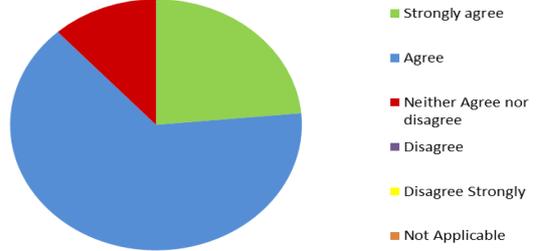
The school keeps me well informed



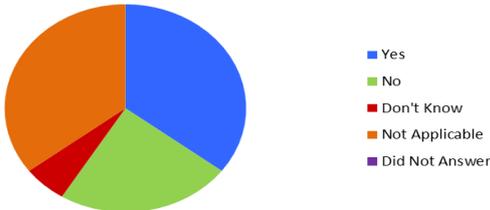
I feel the new lunchtime arrangement is having a positive impact on my child



The school promotes its Christian ethos



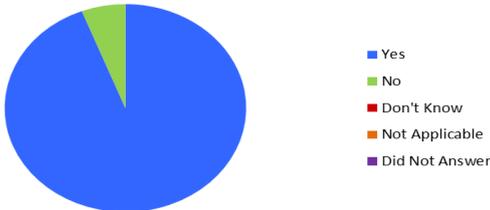
From September 2014 the school will aim to provide hot meals for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Will you be taking up this opportunity?



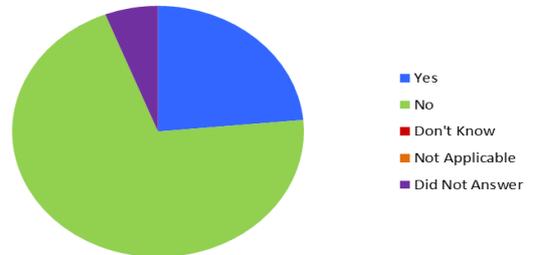
Do you think that the introduction of the newsletter allows better communication with parents?



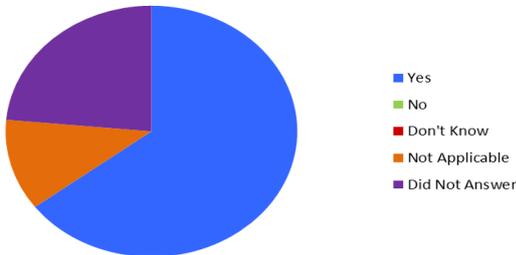
I would be interested in a "bring your parent to school" morning where you will participate with your child in a typical morning, absorbing how your child learns.



I use the "Big Pond" on a regular basis.



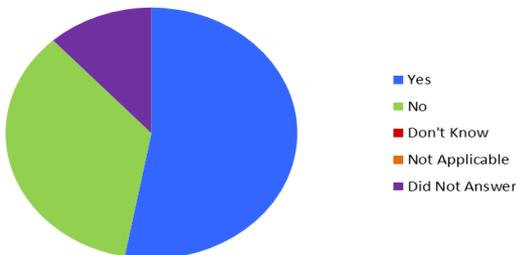
I would like more club opportunities for my child.



I would like the introduction of quality regular homework e.g. small amounts of English, maths and topic each week, expectations of amounts in line with age of the child.



I would like an educational talk on





Bishopstone CE Primary School Easter Service and Easter Bonnet Pa- rade

Our Easter Service is on Friday 4th April at 1.30pm in the church. The children will leave school at 1.15pm and parade down to the church in their Easter bonnets.

As is the usual tradition, the children must make an Easter bonnet at home and bring them to school on the Friday of the service. This year the theme for our bonnets will be 'new life'. There will be prizes for the best bonnets. These are judged on quality, originality and how much effort the children have put in to them themselves.

We do hope you will come along and join us for this service and do not forget to bring along friends and relatives. You can even wear an Easter Bonnet as well if you want to.

