



Talbot Primary School - Parents' Survey update January 2019

As we start the Spring term, I would like to share our progress towards some of the main themes identified in the parental survey conducted in June 2018. We hope that you find the summary useful in demonstrating how our collective efforts are leading to better academic and pastoral outcomes for our children.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards,

Mrs Parm Gill (Headteacher)

My child enjoys school and is happy to attend

What actions were highlighted?

- Regular updates in the school newsletter, including sporting achievements, in addition to the established 'Good work' assemblies, GOTCHA cards and Headteacher certificates.

What we are doing

- Half-termly updates on sporting events are now part of the monthly newsletters.
- Reinvigorating the Sports Ambassador programme at lunch time in order to provide activities for all.
- The PHSE 'market-event' was run in September 2018 to showcase how our curriculum supports children's pastoral and academic well-being. Please see the website for additional details if you missed this event.
- Ongoing staff awareness and vigilance at play and lunch times to ensure all children are engaged in play. This can involve adult support or facilitation of games.

The difference this is making

- As parents, we hope the newsletters give you a rounded view as to how our curriculum ensures the children's experience of learning encapsulates academic, sporting and pastoral developments. The newsletters are just a summary of what we do. Participation in the parent/carer events offer greater detail and give a more in-depth flavour.

My child makes good progress at this school

What actions were highlighted?

- Embed daily, mental maths skills from Years One to Six.
- Incorporate more detail on challenge, support and development in our Key Stage One induction programmes and re-establish expectations for reading at home in Key Stage Two.

What we are doing

- The introduction of daily fluency sessions in maths for all children from Year One to Six. These focus on core basic skills, including times tables knowledge.
- School information sessions and parents' evenings provide additional bespoke information about reading expectations.
- Introduction of reading journals from Years Four to Six to mirror the rest of the school.

The difference this is making ...

- Children's improving confidence and fluency using core maths skills. This is established as a core aspect of the curriculum.
- Importance of reading at home has been reinvigorated for children in Year Four to Six.

My child receives appropriate homework for their age

What actions were highlighted?

- Review the Homework policy through child, parent and staff questionnaires.

What we are doing

- A thorough review of parental and staff questionnaire responses was analysed alongside interviews with Key Stage Two children to inform our opinion on the relevance of the current Homework policy.
- Outcomes were shared in the separate communication in December 2018.

The difference this is making ...

- Based on the responses received, the current policy is striking the right balance for home learning.
- We are undertaking a further review of maths homework expectations in Key Stage Two to ensure the methodology and approach is consistent across the school. These outcomes will be secured for September 2019.

The school promotes cohesion, tackles prejudice and promotes understanding

What actions were highlighted?

- Continue with our programme of assemblies which educate children on identifying and challenging prejudice.
- Continue to work alongside parents and carers to encourage them to come into school to celebrate diversity with their child's class or year group.
- The School Council to continue as advocates for equality and democracy across school.

What we are doing

- The last parent/carer event in October 2018 celebrated the richness of school community, i.e. how events in our lives' brought us from all corners of the country and world to Leeds!
- Fabian Hamilton MP visit to school.
- Digital Ambassador programme embedded.
- School Council members to attend their first Youth Summit at Leeds Civic Hall in January 2019, helping to decide how local money is spent in Roundhay.
- Continual programme of parental involvement to support our programme of assemblies, e.g. Diwali and Eid.

The difference this is making....

- Recognising and celebrating the fact that although we may have started our journeys elsewhere, we are all lucky enough to come together here at Talbot Primary, and be part of a special local community.
- Links closely with our school motto of 'Courage, Truth and Loyalty.'