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Our huge thanks to those families who took time to respond to our survey. We have put the results together to share with you together with some reflections about how we will move forward from here which are overleaf...

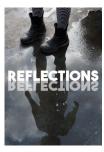
	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My child enjoys coming to school	65	33		
My child feels safe at school	78	22		
I have felt supported by the school during the pandemic	61	30	3	
My child is both challenged and supported as a learner	57	37	5	
My child is making progress in their learning this year.	58	35	4	
The school makes sure that children understand the expectations of behaviour.	67	30	1	
The school deals effectively with bullying.	33	39	2	1
The school gives me opportunities to share my views and I feel listened to.	65	30	4	
I receive valuable information about my child's progress.	41	49	10	
The school responds well to any concerns I may raise.	65	31	2	1
The school communicates effectively with us.	65	31	2	
My child gets a suitable amount of home learning.	41	45	6	2
I would recommend this school to other families.	85	13		1

## What's the best thing about Fishbourne Primary?

- \* I feel that the school genuinely cares—extremely child focussed.
- \*Passionate staff who love their jobs!
- \*Every child is valued as an individual. Understanding we are all different!
- \*Lovely staff and a visible leadership team always there to welcome the children each day.
- \*School values are very strong
- \*The nurturing learning environment is exceptional.
- \*The love for books!
- \*Staff communicate really well with parents.
- \*It's clear to see how committed staff are to the children and care for them with such kindness.
- \*We appreciate the receptiveness of teachers to open conversation.
- \*Teachers both challenge and support children as learners.
- \*Dedicated loyal and kind staff—warm and approachable.
- \*Creative, innovative and engaging curriculum with exciting opportunities.
- \*We have been made to feel a part of the school family which is lovely.
- \*Fantastic communication—we really enjoy newsletters and Fishbourne Reads.
- \*Laughter, fun excitement, outdoors, fresh air, friendships.
- \*Before and after school clubs are brilliant.
- \*Continuity of care and support throughout my child's time at Fishbourne.
- \*The way the curriculum is brought to life with wonderful experiences.
- \*An open door feel where concerns can be openly discussed.
  \*The school is led well with good ethos and values.
- \*We love it how it is!
- \*School is already 10/10

# How could we make Fishbourne Primary a better place to be for your family?

- \*School trips! Our children have really missed out on these and it would be great to see them back on track!
- \*Forest School back on the menu.
- \*Feeling connected to classrooms as a result of covid.
- \*More information about how we can support at home and more parent visits to school.
- \*Some more variety to clubs on offer outside of the school day
- \*School dinners need to be healthier and more appealing.
- \*Ensuring consistency across year groups.
- \*We would like more feedback about how our child is doing—we only get two learning review meetings and an annual report.
- \*By understanding financial struggles for some families, especially thinking about buying books.
- \*Visibility of teachers at the end of the school day I am not sure the teachers know who all the parents are.
- \*Inconsistent amounts of home learning across year groups.
- \*An increase in outdoor learning.
- \*The library used to its full potential.
- \*Could ALL reading levels read with an adult from time to time?
- \*Employing a mix of male/female teachers
- \*Car parking.
- \*Enhanced online learning resources.
- \*Streamlined communications!
- \*More inter-school sport.



A huge **thank you** for taking the time to share your feedback with us, we appreciate it very much indeed. We have taken some time to reflect in particular on some of the more common areas you felt we could develop:

**School trips:** We are already making plans for a number of exciting trips during the summer term. Every class will be out and about and enjoying what is on offer in the local area and beyond.

**Forest School:** We have booked each year group two sessions of Forest School during the spring/summer terms and we have another exciting outdoor learning day for

the whole school run in collaboration with Chichester Forest School and funded through Gareth's Legacy in the summer term. In future academic years, if we wish to continue Forest School we will need to pass costs on to our families. Each session costs £200, currently funded through our Sports Premium supplement but the future of this funding source is uncertain.

Children's progress: The children are currently working hard on their reflections for their mid-year learning report which we look forward to sharing with you next half term. Learning Journals come home at the end of each learning experience for families to share next steps and celebrate progress together. Please also remember you can chat with teachers at the end of the day, book an appointment or ping an email to ask any questions and we would be really delighted to help!

Inter-school sports: These are just starting up again and we were delighted to take a large group of children to the Bishop Luffa Cross Country last week. We are taking part in the Chichester Corporate Challenge too! More sporting opportunities are coming up and we will be in touch with families soon. We face challenges around the availability of staff being able to attend these events during the school day and so any offers of help to support with transportation and supervision would be much appreciated.

**Home learning:** Getting the balance of home learning right is so tricky! We have some families who feel children don't get enough and others who feel they get too much! We are very clear about the areas we would MOST value your support—regular reading and times tables and spelling practising. These areas are those that will make the biggest difference to your child as a learner!



We are really sad to be saying goodbye to two of our wonderful Learning Support Assistants this week who are off to pastures new! Mrs Oldfield has worked across our school, supporting learning particularly in Years 4, 5 and 6 during which time she has been a tremendous support to both staff and children. Some of our favourite memories of Mrs Oldfield will be on residential visits where she has always worked (and played!) so hard to support the children to have the most brilliant time! Mrs Oldfield is relocating to be with family and we wish her all the very best on the next steps of her own adventure! Mrs Akehurst is pursuing training in counselling after developing her interest through her role as an Emotional Learning Support Assistant (ELSA). She has worked across school and supported children across all year groups. We will miss her input very much. During the autumn term, Mrs Harvey has been trained

as an ELSA and she will be taking on the role in school.

A huge thank you to both Mrs Oldfield and Mrs Akehurst for all they have done to support our school community. We look forward to telling you about new members of the team next half term.

We are unbelievably proud of our Cross Country team who took part in the interschool Cross Country at Bishop Luffa last week. Seventeen children from Year 5 and 6 represented Fishbourne CE Primary with grit and determination. They had the best of times, competing with great enthusiasm and cheering each other on. A huge well done to Jamie and Evelyn who have both got through to the County Finals taking place in Brighton in March. Jamie came 2nd in the Y6 boys



race - he ran brilliantly well, pacing himself and running with such a positive attitude. A huge well done to all of the children who took part!



It has been wonderful to welcome Bishop Luffa students who have been coming to school to take assembly every other Tuesday with Mr Hindman. They visit a number of local primary schools to lead collective worship during the term. It is lovely to watch our little fish listening so carefully, building this connection with Bishop Luffa and being inspired by young people beyond our school family. We look forward very much to continuing this connection in the coming months.

Further to the letter sent earlier this week, a reminder please do not send your child into school with any nut-based product for a snack or packed lunch – this includes products that may contain traces of nuts. Potential allergens could include the following:

Spreads, e.g. chocolate spread

Cereal bars

Some types of biscuit containing nuts

Condiments, e.g. satay sauce

Cakes containing nuts

Some snack pots containing nuts
It is important that you check the labelling of food

products before sending your child in to school with them – it is not always apparent that products contain nuts or traces of nuts. THANK YOU!

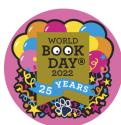


Recently we launched our Amazon Wishlist and we have been utterly blown away by the generosity of our Fishbourne families. Our children are so lucky to have such a wonderful collection of books, exploring so many important themes! Our wish is for the

children to grow up with the same love of books that is shared by so many of us! Keeping our library and classrooms fully stocked with books is really important and so we invite you to donate a book to our school library if you possibly can. We will put a special bookplate into the book thanking your family for your donation to our school. We have set up an Amazon Wish List from which you can support us in this way are able to do so: https://amzn.eu/j1dFX85

#### **WORLD BOOK DAY 2022**

We are celebrating World Book Day 2022 on Friday 4th March with a visit from our wonderful Patron of Reading, Sophy Henn which we are very, very excited about. We suggest this year that all children come to school in their **PYJAMAS** to celebrate the joy of bedtime stories! Many of you will read bedtime stories every evening to your children but recently the UKSLA published a frightening statistic that only 31% of children nationwide regularly have a bedtime story. Bedtime stories are such an important part of our



children's development. Reading at home not only increases academic ability, but it also helps to strengthen family relationships and foster a lifelong love of books. This is particularly important for primary-age children who go through a period of great change between the ages of 4 and 11: they are learning to read, discovering their likes and dislikes and taking their first big steps into the world. A bedtime story can be the anchor to all this, helping children to explore new feelings, new experiences and new knowledge in a safe environment.

Our latest edition of Fishbourne Reads which comes out before half term will have a feature on bedtime stories and children's recommendations about some of their favourites... do keep an eye out for it!



#### **Diary Dates**

Break up for Half Term: Fri 18th February INSET Day: Mon 28th February First day of Half Term: Tue 29th February Fri 4th March: Fishbourne World Book Day -wear your pyjamas to school! Fri 8th April: Break up for the Easter holidays

### Corporate Challenge Road Running Dates

Wed 2nd March meeting at 6.00pm Wed 16th March meeting at 6.00pm Wed 30th March meeting at 6.00pm

#### INSET Days

Monday 28th February: INSET Day

One further INSET day is yet to be set in the summer term— we will share the date

as soon as we have it!

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY: 22nd July This is the date that has been identified by the local authority to mark the Queen's Jubilee, meaning that the last day of the summer term will be 21st July.

# AT FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, WE NURTURE OUR LEARNERS TO BECOME...









