

Oaklands Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to thank all our parent community for the responses that we received from our recent Parent Survey. Comments have been read and discussed between governors and the leadership team. There are two common themes that we would like to address next academic year; communication and homework.

Communication

We appreciate that sometimes information does not reach you as early as you would like and we will do our very best to ensure that messages will reach you earlier in future, where possible. We are planning to have a list of dates on our website that will be clear for all, with the main events sent out every term. Obviously, some of these dates may contain TBC (To Be Confirmed) when they involve collaboration with others but we will do our very best to give you an indication of when this may be for regular events.

Homework

We understand that the current system is not perfect and we will be reviewing what we do. We first introduced the 'homework grid' to give pupils more choice in what they do (with of course a few extra options) so that this appealed to children who like to be creative whilst also addressing what is needed in life skills. For example, cooking addresses so much in the way of English, Maths and Science, in following a recipe and weighing the ingredients ... it could even be part of the shopping for the ingredients, using money and checking change. We have been pleased in the way that children have shared what they did but we have always maintained that a photo will suffice as having completed this part!

Spellings will not be so open-ended in choice from September, with fewer options available to learn spellings.

Finally, we would like to thank Charlotte Kieran, our governor who led this year's survey and collated all the results. She has analysed the findings and presented these collectively (with no names mentioned) to our governors at our School & Community meeting. She has also given the same presentation at a lunchtime staff meeting.

Thank you for all your feedback.

Yours faithfully,

Hazel West
Headteacher

Liz James
Chair of Governors