

Newburgh CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school, we always value the views of parents and carers and I would like to thank all of you who participated in the Parental Questionnaire in the autumn term. The results are very valuable to school in supporting our self-evaluation process and to measure the impact of school improvement planning.

The questionnaires have now been analysed and as a new head it is fantastic to have such a supportive group of parents as part of our school family. Certain aspects of school life are what I call 'money can't buy' – they have to come naturally and from within.

Although all questions were overwhelmingly favourable towards the school, we were all delighted that you unanimously agreed with the following statements:

THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION

My child is making good progress at school.

THE QUALITY OF TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

My child enjoys school.

My child is always learning new things in school.

The school expects my child to work hard and achieve of their best.

My child is motivated to do well.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR AND WELFARE

My child is safe and well cared for at school

The school is helping my child to develop an understanding of a "healthy lifestyle"

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

The school works in close partnership with parents

The school provides a range of "extra" activities outside lesson time

The school is well led and managed

The school has a caring attitude

I am happy with the values that the school promotes

OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS

I feel welcome in the school.

I would recommend this school to a friend.



So many positive comments too!

Very approachable staff	Lots of extra-curricular activities
Promotion of Christian Values and close links with church	Distinctive ethos that runs through the curriculum
Great P.T.A.	Small class sizes
Child-centred learning	Regular updates with activities and child's progress
Teaching children life and coping skills	Very committed staff
Warm, welcoming and nurturing	Great communication from teachers – I am kept well informed about my child's learning and development
Newburgh School has more than exceeded my expectations	Great pupil/teacher relationships
Strong sense of community	Respect
KS2 jobs for children – a wonderful addition	Close bonds between younger and older children
Outstanding staff	Academic results
Yoga and music lessons– the school looking after the overall well-being of a child	Teachers are passionate about their job
The willingness to listen to parents and give them a voice – concerns swiftly addressed	Recognition of achievements in and outside of school
Promotion of the outdoors	Caring, family atmosphere

Suggestions from Parents

COMMENT	WHAT WE ALREADY DO	ACTION
More recognition for their work	<p>Weekly Celebration Assembly – entries into the Golden Book throughout the week are shared with the whole school</p> <p>Stars of the Week – child then chooses a friend to sit with them each day at the Star of the Week table.</p> <p>Postcards home to families to recognise achievement (all children will receive one by the end of each year).</p> <p>Gospel Value stickers awarded when children demonstrate an action that shows that they are living out the value (respect, thankfulness etc.).</p>	<p>Headteacher Token – from the autumn term 2020 we will be launching weekly hot chocolate/smoothie and snack with the Headteacher tokens which will be rewarded for effort and achievement.</p> <p>'It Didn't Go Unnoticed Award' – this certificate will be awarded during our weekly celebration worship to children who have been observed demonstrating our school values.</p>
More academic clubs	<p>The clubs that have been on offer 2019-20:</p> <p>Football (boys and girls)</p> <p>Strictly Come Dancing</p> <p>Cheerleading</p> <p>A range of sports offered free of charge by West Lancashire Sports Partnership for Key Stage 1 and 2</p>	<p>Lunch time and after school classroom based clubs:</p> <p>Chess club</p> <p>Gardening club</p> <p>Language club</p> <p>Camera club</p>



	<p>Archery Judo</p> <p>Many schools don't offer Reception children after-school activities at all, whereas we do at some time during the year.</p>	
Bring back Christmas and Summer productions	<p>We perform a bi-annual whole school production due to the impact on the timetable (a Summer Production or our impressive Art Exhibition take place each year).</p> <p>Our children now participate in events that are inclusive to all – our Christmas Celebration in church being an example of this.</p>	<p>2020-21 – whole school summer production due to cancellation summer 2020 (Covid-19).</p> <p>We will continue to do events which give every child the opportunity to feel valued and contribute (if they do not wish to be on the stage they can be involved in stage production and advertising for example).</p>
Playground	<p>A grant has been processed but delayed due to current circumstances. P.T.A. have raised the funds. Companies have drawn up plans – progress delayed due to current circumstances.</p>	<p>To finalise plans for the playground using Pupil Voice and completing the work Autumn 2020.</p>
More Parents' Evening	<p>Parents' Evenings take place in the autumn and spring term with annual reports being shared with parents in the summer term.</p>	<p>Autumn and Spring parents' evening to continue Summer term – report and a Celebration of the Year Day – informal invitation by children to invite their parents to come to school during the day or return with them after school to look at their work and chat with the teacher.</p> <p>We also plan to deliver curriculum workshops from autumn 2020 to support parents with learning at home.</p>
Links with local businesses (Apple Cast, recycling, Martin Mere)	<p>Post Office links Red Lion – Christmas singing</p>	<p>Apple Cast links for 50 Things</p> <p>Recycling extend links with other local schools to recycle more (felt tips, crisp packets etc).</p>
Homework	<p>Children receive challenges in Reception and from Year 1 upwards they are given a</p>	<p>Times Table Rock Stars leader board within school</p>



	<p>Homework Grid each term to complete optional extra activities linked to their current learning.</p> <p>Children also receive weekly spellings from Year 2.</p> <p>All children from Reception upwards are expected to read regularly at home.</p> <p>Children all have login details to access Maths Seeds and Reading Eggs in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Times Table Rock Stars is also given to Year 2 children)</p> <p>Mathletics and Times Tables Rock Stars login details are provided in KS2 at home.</p>	<p>that can be included on the weekly newsletter.</p> <p>We will be reviewing our online learning resources to support home learning in light of school being closed so that we can best support our children and families in the future.</p>
More educational trips and experiences	<p>'50 Things to do at Newburgh' supports experiences.</p> <p>Expense factor for more school trips.</p> <p>Sparkling Starts and Fabulous Finishes support experiences with more visitors coming to school to reduce expense for families.</p>	<p>Commitment to a termly experience including an annual class trip (as permitted).</p>
More information to support learning at home	<p>Twitter – current update.</p> <p>Termly overview of learning.</p> <p>Learning support on website for all curriculum subjects.</p>	<p>Learning support on website for all core curriculum subjects.</p> <p>Curriculum workshops for parents to attend from autumn 2020.</p>
Parking outside of school	<p>Engaged with community police, LCC and received support from Mayor.</p>	<p>Eco –Council role to support reducing pollution.</p> <p>New banners and cones to be put outside school.</p>

The annual Parental Questionnaire is anonymous and we will be looking at ways in the autumn term to encourage more of you to engage with this questionnaire to ensure we receive your views. I look forward to building an even greater partnership with yourselves next academic year in ensuring your children receive the best education possible at Newburgh C.E. Primary School.

Kind regards



Rebecca Fowler
Headteacher

