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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Friday, we raised over £220 for Children in Need – many thanks for your donations to this good cause. The children certainly cheered the school up in their spots and odd sock combinations.

#### New Member of Staff

We have just appointed a new member of staff to support individual/small groups of pupils in school. Mrs Stella Tucker has joined the Wrens team and she comes with a wealth of experience. We are delighted that she has joined the school.

#### Parent Survey

We have looked at the parent surveys and can share the following summary from your responses:

Statement	Strongly Agree or Agree	Don't know	Disagree or Strongly Disagree
Communication from the school is good.	98.6%		1.4%
My child is happy at this school.	98.6%	1.4%	
My child feels safe at this school.	97.1%	2.9%	
Behaviour at the school is good.	93.5%	3.6%	2.9%
The school keeps me informed about what my child is learning.	96.4%	0.7%	2.9%
The school provides a wide range of opportunities for my child: music lessons, visits, visitors, clubs etc.	92%	3%	5%
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly.	88.5%	6.5%	5%
For parents who have had a child who has been bullied: The school has dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	88.5%	8.6%	2.9%
For parents who have a child with special educational needs: The school gives my child the support they need.	87.7%	12.3%	



## What does the school do well?

I have included comments that came up frequently:

- Excellent communication
- Experienced teachers who make learning fun
- Facilities/resources
- Kind, caring staff
- Headteacher on the gate every morning
- Family feel
- Christian ethos
- Enriching opportunities – clubs, visits, music lessons
- Polite children
- Makes every child feel special/valued
- Inclusive

## Suggestions/ideas to improve the school

Many of the comments were only mentioned by one parent but this point was raised by more than one of you:

- School dinners – quality and quantity
- Communication about payments for trips/residential to be given sooner
- PE top – change colour to blue instead of white because the children wear them more often and they get dirty

I am already monitoring school dinners and will be contacting CH & Co with my findings.

I have asked teachers to give more notice about payments and teachers will give you a guide in January to when trips are likely to be for the rest of the year with approximate costs.

Blue PE tops are a great idea and we hope to have these available in the summer for the next academic year. These will be phased in so that if you already have white T-shirts that fit your child, there will be no need to replace it with a blue one.

One parent raised the issue of the lack of sports competitions. This is something we would like to change and hope that in the new year we can take part in more district competitions. We have not been able to take part so far simply because we do not have any spare staff members to accompany the children.

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey. We were thrilled with the positive feedback. It was a real boost to all the staff.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Alison Higgins