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Parental Questionnaires

A huge thank you to all parents who responded to the parent questionnaire sent out in November. As a school we believe it is vital to get the opinions of parents on an annual basis in order that we can keep moving the school forward.

The Governors of the school collect and collate the responses and then feed back to me as Headteacher. It was great for me to see such positive comments and results with 100% positive response to Windy Nook being a welcoming and happy place and 98% positive response to a number of other statements including children making positive progress in school, children feeling safe in school, the quality of teaching being good and that parents would recommend the school to others. The positive responses to the majority of statements about the school is testament to the hard work of all of the staff, pupils and governors and visitors to school regularly comment on the friendly, welcoming feel of the school and the superb behaviour of the children in school. When parents and carers made particular comments about the positive work of individual staff members these comments were passed on. Any concerns raised were discussed at the Senior Leadership meeting and also shared with governors along with any agreed actions.

We are expecting a visit from Ofsted next year and it is always useful to be able to share parental and pupil feedback. Staff and governors collect pupil voice through discussions with the children throughout the year and in March we collect the views of pupils from Year 2 onwards via their own questionnaire.

Article 12: The right to have your say and be listened to

Food Bank Collection

The school council will be collecting donations for the Gateshead food bank until Monday 19th December. There will be boxes at the main school gates at the start of the day for any donations. They will then go down to the Food Bank to see how the donations are used. Article 24: The right to clean water to drink and healthy food to eat.

Dates for your diary School finishes for the Christmas break on Wednesday 21st December. School will reopen for pupils on Monday 9th January 2021.

Adverse Weather

Thank for your patience during this snowy weather. We have a huge site which we cannot always clear and make safe. We are hoping to open the back of school next week.

Governor update

Thank you to everyone who voted in the Governor ballot. Mrs. Gerry counted the votes on Thursday 15th December and we are pleased to announce that Nicole Staward will be joining the governing body.

Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the School Fayre this year. Despite it being very busy, it was lovely to see everyone back in school. We raised a tremendous £759.

The PTFA also raised a further £128. The funds will be used to subsidise the costs of trips for children in school.

Christmas Updates

Wear your Christmas jumper day will take place on Friday 16th December. Children who have signed up for it will also receive a Christmas lunch on that day. We still have some new and pre loved Christmas jumpers in school if anyone would like to collect one.

LKS2 Christmas Carol service will take place on Tuesday 20th December at 9:45. Please only attend this event if you have received an invite by PING.

Christmas parties

Mon 19th Dec Nursery Christmas party am (afternoon nursery can attend for the morning session)

Mon 19th Dec KS1 Christmas party pm

Tues 20th Dec Reception Christmas party am

Tues 20th Dec LKS2 Christmas party pm Wed 21st Dec UKS2 Christmas party pm