



# Summer Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Parent Questionnaire

As we race towards the summer holidays, Governors would like to thank you for the amazing response to the questionnaire we sent you in March. With 160 replies, we have been able to really understand how you, and your children, feel about the school and pick up on any concerns you have. Please see below for a summary. Full feedback can be found on the school website (on the newsletter page).

			Yes	No	Not Really	Not Sure
ENVIRONMENT	1	My child feels safe at this school	158	0	0	2
	2	My child is happy at this school	155	0	2	4
	3	How do you know?				
CURRICULUM	4	My child makes good progress at this school	157	0	0	2
	5	My child is taught well at this school	156	0	0	2
	6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	139	5	4	5
	7	I receive enough information about the curriculum that my child is following	138	4	3	11
	8	The school encourages parents to play an active part in school life. What more can we and the PA do to involve families in school life and events?				
COMMUNICATION	9	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	142	0	0	13
	10	The parent/teacher consultations & July annual report provide me with the information I require about my child's achievement & progress	149	0	0	7
	11	Do you feel able to support your child's learning? Can we do anything to help?				
BEHAVIOUR/PASTORAL CARE	12	My child is well looked after at this school	157	0	0	2
	13	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	156	0	0	4
	14	My child/ren is/are confident that should they have a problem, there is someone they can go to in school who will listen to them	136	0	2	20
	15	If you thought your child was being bullied would you know what to do? <i>Our behaviour and anti-bullying policies are on the document page of the website.</i>				
	16	This school is well led and managed	137		1	
	17	I understand the role and responsibilities of the Governing Body	120		13	6
	18	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	136		1	2

We have been considering how to further involve parents and carers in the life of school and the following initiatives are being looked into:

- Growth mindset sessions
- An online booking system

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- The provision of more information regarding the curriculum
- Inviting a parent / carer from each class once a term to come and see the school in action

### **Staff well-being**

We have focussed on staff well-being this year as we are conscious that government changes in the way children are assessed, the new national curriculum, combined with increased expectations on children's attainment will be having an effect on our teachers and those who support them. What was good to hear was that it is excellent relationships with your children that make all staff's jobs worthwhile!

### **New parent governors**

We also welcomed two new parent governors to our team – Julia (Ferguson) and Darren (Richards) have made an excellent start and have already managed to make several governor meetings, governor training and visits to the school.

We asked them for feedback and Julia replied: "My first term as a parent governor has been such a positive, if not an overwhelming, experience. I say overwhelming in a good way though, as it has made me truly appreciate the work that the Governing Body do for the school and the positive impact this has at Alderton Infants. The children are at the heart of every discussion, which is so very reassuring. I have been a Primary school teacher myself for many years, and I have worked closely with Governing Bodies. However, to become part of one has been eye opening to the commitment and time they give to the school. I have one child currently in reception, who can't wait to get into class every morning, and another soon to join in September, and I am thankful that they are both part of such a lovely school."

Following his first visit as a governor Darren said "Seeing the children's work and how they learn in class was a great experience for me. I liked the flow of the school always on the move, using the school grounds and facilities to learn really kept the children interested and focused. Overall the hour I spent walking around and the children I met made me really happy to be a governor at this fine school and glad my children are in it."

For further information about what governors do, please see our page on the school's website!

### **Future**

Finally, governors would also like to thank the Parents Association for all their hard work in putting on enjoyable events and for the, much needed, money they raise. As Mrs Dalby said in the March newsletter – a combination of rising costs and frozen budget means we are having to make some very tough choices. We are working hard to ensure that cuts have the least impact on the children and teaching as possible and the money raised by our Parent Association will enable us to keep subsidising trips, workshops and resources. Please keep supporting them!

Wishing you all a good summer holiday. Farewell to our Year 2's!

We look forward to meeting many of you in the Autumn term.

**The Alderton Infant School Governing Board**  
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