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Cultivating Respect, Persevering, and Learning with Courage

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Dear Families,

We are now almost two weeks into the penultimate term of the academic year! I continue to be amazed by the incredible learning that the children across school have already completed in just two short weeks. We also welcome Miss Rolston into Rowan Class. Miss Rolston is a BA Year 3 student from Oxford Brookes University and is completing her final teaching placement with us. She will be here for another 7 weeks and we look forward to watching her flourish!

Thank you to all of the parents who completed the parent survey. An incredible 54% of families contributed their views which is a 12% increase on last year. The questionnaire is the OFSTED ParentView questionnaire which can be found online here: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/17334/13>

Highlights

- 99% of parents either agreed or strongly agreed that their child is happy. This has increased from last year.
- 99% of parents either agreed or strongly agreed that their child feels safe. This is the same as last year
- 97% of parents either agreed or strongly agreed that we make sure pupils are well behaved. This has increased from last year.
- 98% of parents either agreed or strongly agreed that the school is well led. This has increased from last year
- 84% of parents either agreed or strongly agreed that communication is good. This has increased by 13% from last year.
- 96% of parents either agreed or strongly agreed that their views are listened to. This is 14% increase from last year.
- 98% of parents either agreed or strongly agreed that they would recommend St Michael's. This is the same as last year.

Whilst we are delighted that there has been such a significant improvement in communication through the use of Class Dojo, we appreciate this is not for everyone. As an organisation, it is impossible to be able to communicate in a way that suits everybody, with notice periods that suit parents as well as the dynamic working environment in which we operate. However, we continue to explore how and when we communicate to try and make it as efficient and inclusive as possible.

Actions

87% of parents either agreed or strongly agreed that we let parents know how well their child is doing. Whilst this is a 5% increase from last year, it is something that we would like to look at improving further still. We are currently exploring several models with staff to make sure the information you receive is meaningful, timely and most importantly helps you to support your child at home.

From the suggestions for foci next year, homework was a common theme. Again, this is something that we will review as a staff, using evidence-based research as a start point and then will be asking for parental input on. Please look out for an opportunity to comment in Term 6.

Coronation Plans

As you will have seen on Class Dojo, we are asking the children to wear red, white and blue on Friday 5th May when we will be completing lots of Coronation themed activities. Alongside this we are inviting parents to come in and join us from 2:30pm on this day. This will be an opportunity for you to work alongside your child, to look at their books and to see the school in action!

We will also be inviting the wider Steventon community, many of whom will have attend St Michael's over the years, to join us for a tour of the school from 2:30pm on this day too.

We will also be taking part in the Steventon "Crowning Glory" Festival of Flowers. Children will be creating small posies of flowers in empty tin cans to represent King Charles' commitment to the environment. The wonderful team from St Michael's church will be providing some of the flowers, greenery and tins but if children could bring in an empty, washed, standard sized tin to hold their posy that would be great.

We will be delivering these to the church on Friday morning.



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Parking

You will have seen by now our fantastic parking signage outside of school. Many thanks to Sarah Jones of Mucky Pup Design for all her help with these. **Please** do park considerately around school – we have recently had a couple of near misses where parents are trying to park as close to school as possible.

Happy News!

Mrs Sipson, our SENCO and Inclusion Lead, will be jetting off to Antigua at half term to get married! She will return to school in June as Mrs Sheehan. I am sure you will join us in wishing her and her new husband to be all the very best for a long and happy life together.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a whole community responsibility. If you believe a child to be at risk outside of school, please contact:

- The police if the child is in immediate danger
- MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/children-education-and-families/keeping-children-and-young-people-safe/report-child-abuse> or if you need an immediate response from Children's Social Care call **0345 050 7666**

All contact to the above services can be made anonymously so please do not wait to contact school.

Diary Dates

01.05.2023 Bank Holiday Monday – **School closed**

03.05.2023 Author Visit for Years 2, 3 and 4

03.05.2023 Maple Class trip to Natural History Museum, Oxford

05.05.2023 Coronation Celebrations

08.05.2023 Bank Holiday Monday – **School closed**

09.05.2023 Key Stage 2 SATs begin

22.05.2023 Year 6 go to Kilvrough

26.05.2023 End of Term 5 – 3:15pm

05.06.2023 INSET day – **School closed**

06.06.2023 – Term 6 begins 8:45am

Advanced notice

Sports Day – Friday 16th June

Willow and Acorn will hold their sports day in the morning

Maple – Oak will hold their sports day in the afternoon

As always, please do contact us if you need anything. We have access to all sorts of support and advice so please do not hesitate to message your child's class teacher on Dojo, email myself or contact the office.

Kind Regards

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Headteacher