



Holly Hill
Church School

Parent Open Evening October 2017

Feedback

Thank you for attending Parents Afternoon. We had an excellent turnout, with some families making follow up appointments with teachers. Open Afternoons are a great way for you to see the progress your child is making, and a chance to speak to the staff.

A big thank you to those that completed the feedback form. 68% of you returned the forms, with over 90% of parents in Cedar and Beech. Thank you!

	Total agree %	Neither agree nor disagree %	Disagree %
My child is happy at school	99	1	0
My child is well looked after at this school	99	1	0
My child is making good progress	99	0	1
I am kept well informed of what my child is learning	98	1	1

We had some lovely feedback on how pleased you are with your child's progress, how your child has settled at school, and how they love coming to school. As well as directed comments on how fantastic the teachers are. Here are some examples:

- My child's speech has come on massively since coming here
- My child loves coming to nursery and being with her friends, and this is down to fantastic staff
- My child has settled in really well and often talks about her new friends
- We are very proud of how our child is progressing
- Over the moon with the choice of school, all the teachers are helping my child reach his goals.
- My child enjoys school and tells me all about it
- My child has made new friends and is really enjoying school
- I am very pleased with my child's progress so far
- My child is trying her hardest at school and proud of her work
- My child has come on loads, even with his confidence

- Really pleased with my child's progress in reading and writing
- So proud of my child's progress, thank you for all your help and support in her learning
- Very pleased with my child's report. Thank you.

We also had some constructive feedback on improvements we can make. We welcome this feedback at any time. Here is a list of the actions we will be making:

Comment	Action that has been taken / to be taken
Please can we have copies of school meal menu	Copy of the menu is available from the office on request or is available on the website
Cannot understand why assessment targets were not met as my child is capable (Reception)	Please follow up any specific queries with your teacher. 1-1 follow up meetings are always available
Reading books could be changed more regularly (year 2)	<p>Children will be able to choose an additional book to share at home from our school library.</p> <p>The books are changed with the children. Teachers/TAs read a little of the book with the child 1-1 to check the child's understanding of what they have read. This takes quite a lot of time to get through 30 children. It is part of the curriculum to re-read books and to understand fully the text. It also develops fluency and expression. Please see how you get on and comment again on the next Open Afternoon</p>
Communication and letters not being sent home	<p>Hmmmmm. This is really tricky but we will try and do better.</p> <p>One of the reasons we supplied book bags is to safely transport letters home as otherwise it is too easy for them to be lost especially if attending after school clubs.</p> <p>Please can you make sure book bags are in school every day and we need to ensure letters get in them.</p> <p>If a child is absent their letter will be named and put in the take home tray for when</p>

	<p>they return.</p> <p>We will also put letters on the website the same day that they are sent out.</p> <p>http://www.hollyhill.bham.sch.uk/parents-page/letters/</p>
<p>Could we use the website or Facebook for communicating with parents / carers</p>	<p>The website is now actively updated with weekly celebration of classwork, letters, important dates and policies.</p> <p>We don't currently use Facebook to communicate with parents, but may look at this in the future.</p> <p>Any important / urgent messages are texted to the main contact for each child. Please ensure your phone number is kept up to date with the office.</p>
<p>Would be nice to get some feedback on homework (year 2)</p>	<p>At next Open Afternoon homework folders will be in the children's drawers for you to see.</p>
<p>Would like more rewards for reading (year 2)</p>	<p>Miss Thompson our new English lead is re-vamping the reading reward scheme which will be implemented after Christmas</p>

Recently some of us met to discuss juice being purchased half termly. As a result of that meeting, I realise that this has not been realistic for many of you. We will therefore be taking juice money each **Monday morning up to 9.15am**. This will begin Monday 13th November. Please put your money, £1.50 per week, in an envelope with your child's name and class and hand it to your teacher or the office. Those of you who still wish to pay half termly are also welcome to do so.

The juice that we provide is of very good quality and it was chosen by the children's school council from a number of juices. There are a choice of flavours for the children from orange, apple, tropical and blackcurrant. The type and cost of juice will remain.

You can also purchase milk for 17p though this does have to be ordered in advance from the milk company as it is delivered daily. If anyone needs any financial help then please come and see me.