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Monday 13th November 2023

Feedback on the Pupil and Parent Surveys Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to thank all the parents and carers who completed the parent survey online and all our children who completed pupil survey in school.

We would also like to thank the parent who won the £25.00 Amazon Voucher, for kindly donating it to our chosen charity Mind BLMK.

We welcome all your views and options and take on board all the comments made. This information gives us a greater understanding of our school, from all viewpoints.

At Shepherdswell Academy we believe that all stakeholders are equally important, and we strive to sustain positive relationships with all our families and the wider community.

Parent Survey

First, we would like to share some positives with you:

- 100% said your child is happy, safe, listened to and enjoys coming to school.
- 100% said we have high expectations and your children do well at school.
- 100% said school makes sure the children are well behaved, and any incidents are dealt with appropriately.
- 100% said that the school communicates what their child is learning throughout the year.
- 100% felt the school supports the children's wider personal development including trips, clubs and activities for all
- 100% felt staff that children are offered a good range of subjects.
- 100% said that they would recommend Shepherdswell Academy to their friends and family.
- 94% felt that when concerns have been raised that school has dealt with it properly.

Your comments included:

"I would like to thank every teacher and the school management for how my children are taught and taken care of."

"My children are very happy at the school and enjoy it so much."

"The clubs give additional learning opportunity and my child loves attending."

"My child is so happy that they want to attend school even if they are unwell!"

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What you think we could do better:

You said:

- Provide more communication about your child's progress, in addition to the parent's evenings and reports
- Ensure that all negative behaviour is discussed with parents and children.

We will:

- Continue to have an open-door policy at all times, if you wish to find out how your child is progressing at a different point in the year to parents' meetings and reports, please speak to your child's class teacher and they will arrange a time to speak to you.
- Hold more parent workshops to share curriculum and the children's learning.
- Have a termly meet the SLT parent sessions to discuss the behaviour policy and any concerns that parents may have.

Pupil Survey

Most of the children surveyed said:

- They enjoyed school, felt safe and enjoyed coming to school.
- They were encouraged to look after their physical, emotional, and mental health thought.
- They that they behave well, other children are friendly, and they know that they could talk to an adult if they were worried at school.
- They also though they worked hard in lessons, learnt new things, and said the adults showed them how to make their work better.

Their comments included:

"I love phonics and reading in our sparkly reading corner,"

"I enjoy maths lessons, using the really big numbers."

"My favourite thing is PE and dodgeball club; I have learnt new skills and I am getting better throwing and catching"

"I enjoy coming to school everyday and learning with my friends."

What they think we could do better:

They said:

- They would like more trips and learning opportunities outside the classroom.

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- They would like to go to forest schools.

We will:

- This year all year groups are taking part in local walks to explore the curriculum opportunities in the school's local area and community and the whole school are off to the pantomime. The aim is that each year group will have a trip to enhance their learning in the Summer Term.
- Forest Schools opened this half term; we will be working with the ne Orchard and Shepherdswell PTA to develop this area for more of our children to access it throughout the year. We are also aiming to use the funds raised to develop the EYFS garden and Mud Kitchen.

Again, we thank you for your continued support and working in partnership with you. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey and supporting us to develop and grow the school to make sure that your children get the best start to their learning journey.

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