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# Newsletter | 7 16th October 2020



## Parents' Evenings Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire during the parents' evening phone calls last week. In total we had 326 responses. We really value your opinion on how we support your children and we are always striving to improve. Here is a summary of the results:

Questions	Strongly Agree or Agree	Strongly Disagree or Disagree
1. My child is happy at this school	100.00	0.00
2. My child feels safe at Zouch	99.69	0.31
3. During lockdown I felt well informed with updates	99.62	0.38
4. During lockdown I felt my child was well supported by school	100.00	0.00
5. The school have made me aware of what my child will learn this term	100.00	0.00
6. I had the technical resources at home to access online remote learning provided by the school	97.55	2.45
7. My child had weekly communication with their teacher or TA	100.00	0.00
8. I felt my child was well supported on their return to school	100.00	0.00
9. The school supports my child's wider personal development	99.68	0.32
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
10. I would recommend this school to another parent	99.38	0.62

Please note: parents new to the school this term were not asked questions about support during lockdown.

Thank you to everyone who made comments about our school as part of their questionnaire response, particularly about support during lockdown. Parents who did not 'agree' with the statements have been contacted this week to see what we could do to improve further or support their children in any other way. (The exception was question 6 but we are currently ensuring we provide a paper option!)

## Social Development

One area of the questionnaire which a small number of parents wanted to know more about was social development. As a school, we try and put this at the forefront of the children's learning, because we firmly believe that children will not be good learners unless they are feeling personally confident, secure, happy and settled. Our Ofsted inspection of 2017 commented that: *"The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding"*. However, we feel that we have improved further in this area over the last 3 years. Some of the things we do to support personal develop are:

- Promote **values as the 'golden thread'** which runs through everything we do in school.
- Use the **Jigsaw** scheme for Personal, Social and Health Education lessons, to provide consistent and quality teaching.
- Use the **Thrive** approach, which promotes positive relationships, mental health and calm approaches to understanding behaviours to allow children to flourish.
- Provide a full-time ELSA, Family Support Worker and Inclusion Manager as well as two part-time counsellors.
- Provide daily **'mindful moments'** and reflection times to help children learn to self-regulate.
- Link personal development to **well-being and physical health** through exercise, healthy eating and mindfulness.

## Harvest Assemblies

This week the children celebrated Harvest Festival – a lovely tradition here at Zouch. This year was slightly different and instead of assemblies, the children teamed-up with another class in the school to share their learning using Teams (similar to Zoom) on screen. The children loved sharing their poems, artwork and other harvest celebrations in this way!



## Reading Books and Homework

Today was the final reading-book change of the term. In year groups 1-6 homework will have been set for next week AND over half term. If your child did not come home today with what they should have, please let their teacher know on Monday so we can provide what they need for the holidays. All homework and books need to be back in school on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**.

## Early Finish – 21<sup>st</sup> October

A reminder of the early finish for the last day of term next Wednesday. These are all 2 hours earlier than normal collection and from the same gates. Please be ready on time to collect your child:

- 12.30 – Wrens
- 12.40 – Robins and Ducklings
- 12.50 – Skylarks, Kingfishers, Woodpeckers
- 1.00 – Nightingales, Eagles, Merlins
- 1.05 – Kestrels, Snowy Owls, Peregrines
- 1.10 – Sparrowhawks, Ospreys, Tawny Owls

If your child has permission to walk from the gate alone, this applies for the early finish, unless you let us know otherwise. **There will be no after school club available for this day.**

## PE and Forest Schools

A reminder of PE and Forest School Days this term: **There will be no PE or Forest School on Wednesday afternoon due to the early finish, so the only PE and Forest School days next week are as follows:**

### PE

**Monday:** Year 5  
**Tuesday:** Year 2

### Forest School

**Tuesday:** Nursery and Reception

## Meal Bookings

Meals can now be booked on Parent Pay for after half term up to Christmas. We are unfortunately only able to provide packed lunches due to our catering provider and staff numbers. Please book your child's meal by midnight on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November**.

## Teacher Training Day

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November is Teacher Training day, children will come back to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## Photographs

Children's photographs will be coming home this afternoon. Please place your orders online if possible by midnight **Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov**, otherwise, please send them in with your children to give to their class teacher where an envelope will be provided for each class by **Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Nov**.

## Dates for Your Diary



**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct-** Finish at around **1PM** for Half Term  
**No after school club**

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Oct –** Deadline for Secondary School Applications

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov –** Teacher Training Day

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov –** Flu Immunisation Rec to Year 6

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Jan –** Deadline for Primary School Applications

## Guidance on Symptoms

If your child develops any symptoms of Covid-19, he/she and any siblings must not come into school for 10 days from the first day of the symptoms.

### Symptoms are:

**High temperature; New/Continuous Cough; Loss of Smell or Taste**

You must arrange for your child to be **tested** as soon as possible.

If your child receives a **negative test**, he/she and any siblings may return to school.

If your child receives a **positive test**, he/she and any siblings should remain off school for 14 days from **the date of the positive test and school must be notified**.

If it is known that your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, your child must isolate for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms.