



Parent / Carer Meeting

Friday 29th September 2017

FEEDBACK

What do you like about Eureka Primary School?

- ✓ Small, family / community ethos. The new vision and organisation of the school.
- ✓ Small, friendly. The school values are exactly what we were looking for.
- ✓ The inclusion of the children and the parents in school life. It gives the children a huge pride in their school and this will be greatly supported by the parents.
- ✓ How welcoming everyone is, my child loves her teachers and both Miss Parker and Miss Sherriff are amazing.
- ✓ It's small, welcoming, friendly. My daughter has settled really well.
- ✓ It's a friendly environment. The teachers and staff are always at hand to talk and are approachable.
- ✓ Friendly and it's nice and small. Nice staff.
- ✓ The staff are all very friendly. I feel I can come onto school to talk to staff with any concerns. My children are always happy and want to come to school, which makes me happy to leave them in your care. I feel I have seen a positive improvement within the school this year now that there is a new Headteacher. Things have settled down well and more structure is in place. Love the new merits system.
- ✓ It's a small personal community school.
- ✓ It's a small and friendly environment. I like how teachers and all staff know the children seem to care about them.
- ✓ It's close to home. Most friendly staff. Like idea of after school clubs, it gives children opportunities to try new things.
- ✓ The staff are friendly and approachable. The school works with you as a parent and communicates with you about your child, keeping you involved in your child's development. It's nice to see an improvement to the school and its organisation as it is now fully staffed.
- ✓ That teachers and other staff know the children's names, very personal.
- ✓ The friendly nature of the staff. The way you treat all children as individuals. The way that my children are engaged in lessons and aren't feeling bored or under too much pressure (like they were in their last school).
- ✓ Approachable staff that have been accommodating whilst Lucas has had problems with this health.
- ✓ Our child generally really looks forward to coming to school at Eureka. Despite the difficulties of the past few years, within the school with leadership, it has still maintained a 'family' where children are encouraged to develop and achieve in a nurturing environment. It's great that parents are given the opportunity to engage and get involved with the school through mornings like this and invites in to join in with the children's learning too.

What would you like to see improve at Eureka Primary School?

- Further development of the website to keep up to date and complete homework. **Website is a work in progress at the moment and will be kept up to date. Class pages will be a constantly updated and curriculum pages will be as curriculum develops. Need to ensure staff know expectations re class page on website.**
- More trips / residential. **Will develop as part of the new curriculum.**
- Further development of the PTA / More information about PTA. **Need to drive this to get parents / carers on board to help with organising events.**

- A little more communication – teacher / parent. Available at the beginning and end of the school day. Texts, emails and website.
 - Consistency and communication within the classroom.
 - More exciting and creative learning. Developing the curriculum this year.
 - Art! I know it is difficult to fit art in but it would be great if this was improved. Maybe have an area where work could be put up to have an exhibition. Permanent whole school are display in the hall.
 - Would like school discos back. Disco at Christmas.
 - Loved the old idea of mother / father day event. More involvement for parents /carers. This year invited in for parent mornings as well as class assemblies and special award assemblies. There will also be WOW days and invites in for school lunches.
 - Maybe more involvement in the community. Organising a Christmas carol service with local church. Children are involved with activities at local schools.
 - Christmas plays for older children.
 - I would like to see a nativity play. This Christmas.
 - More after school activities open to all ages. Clubs like maths and cooking etc. Need to look at range on offer and take up.
 - More sports, my child loves all sports and when speaking to parents from other schools their children seem to be involved in more teams / after school clubs.
 - Wondering when year 4 will go swimming since they seem to have missed out? Going in Spring / Summer term.
 - I'd like to see music teachers coming into school. Interrupting violin lessons is my only regret when changing school. Ukulele is taught in Investigators (Y4/Y5). Will discuss with teacher if she offers individual music lessons.
 - Time keeping – some days I'm waiting for my child and it's 3.40pm before he gets out of class. Remind staff in briefing re being on time at the end of the school day.
 - I would like to see more traditional homework – spellings / sums. Put on next newsletter the expectations re homework.
 - Consistent communication from our child's class on what they have been doing and what they can do at home would always be welcomed – some of this I think may be covered with the new website. Website will have more on the class pages, parent mornings will also help with this in being in the classes. Class curriculum pages / booklets need to be sent.
- ✓ I did feel we needed more interaction with the school and parents but I see this is being worked towards.
 - ✓ With the staffing levels not being ideal, there was a breakdown in communication between the staff and then to the parents. I can see this improving though which is brilliant.
 - ✓ Happy at the moment with the school from our experiences.
 - ✓ Don't know enough yet, so far so good.
 - ✓ None at the moment as only just started.
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 - ✓ From a parents perspective we can already see great improvements in terms of organisation and communication with parents (leadership especially seen this term and over the spring / summer terms). Parentmails appreciated – more info the better!

Do you have any issues / concerns?

- Would it be possible to vary the parent mornings each term so different parents have the opportunity to participate? Yes, good idea! Will change every half term.
- I was hoping that the children from last year's Bookworms class that moved up would still have the opportunity to go to swimming lessons as that are the only children in school to have missed out. Going in Spring / Summer term.

- I love the new merit system but what happens if a child has earned the special treat, e.g. pj night but can't come? **They can come to one scheduled at a different time.**
 - There could be a better way to store lunches. **The one trolley does work, it's easy to store, move and use. Could use a wheely trolley for Enquirers so there are less lunch boxes on the main trolley**
 - My child's attention span is quite poor (unless he has a computer / tablet!). This has been a continuous issue in school, which I feel hasn't been helped due to the strain on the teachers due to staffing levels. I hope we can move forward to combat this together but also don't want my child to dislike school. **Contact and see parent.**
 - Bullying – my child has been accused of being racist, whilst this was addressed at the time it has come up a time or two. **Contact and see parent.**
- ✓ I have done over the last year or so since there has been no permanent leadership. There was definitely a shift in the attitude / behaviour and values. However, I feel since there has been a permanent head, this seems to have given a fresh lease of life to the school with new ideas and enthusiasm. My child is loving school again and is so keen due to the new merit system. This is encouraging to see as I had promised my child if things didn't change I would be moving him to another school.
 - ✓ None as yet, hopefully none will come up.
 - ✓ No concerns at present as I see Miss Hurt is working really hard to get the school to where it should be.
 - ✓ I have always brought up any issues concerning our child as they have arisen and have always found it comfortable to approach. It is noticeable and appreciated that the Headteacher is out on the playground am / pm. Our main concern has always been healthy eating and the consistency of supporting that ethos / message in the classroom as is done so in the dinner hall but we feel reassured that this has now been addressed.

Any other comments:

- ✓ Really pleased with how my child has been handled during his settling in period. He is now extremely happy.
 - ✓ I feel since my child has started back this term with the new Headteacher there has been a big improvement with communication and with a get things done attitude.
 - ✓ Pleased we made the decision to move here.
 - ✓ Assemblies but have spoken with you.
 - ✓ As parents we feel happy with the direction in which the school seems headed with the new vision and values – it will be good to see this carried through to the children. We are reassured now that there is a permanent Head in position and look forward to seeing what the future for Eureka holds! Also thank you for the opportunities of going to the free after school clubs in the summer term and this one – our child really benefitted from them in a confidence and social aspect as well as exercise!
- I appreciate the need for security in the school but sometimes I feel the school is unapproachable. **Contact and see parent.**
 - I have found in the past that whilst my child has been a consistently good pupil he has been overlooked. The 'naughty' kids seem to be applauded for rectifying their behaviour yet the children that behave disappear in the background. I'm hoping the new merit system will see an improvement in this. **New merit system does address because children are rewarded for following the rules and earning merits every day.**