

Parent Forum

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the Parent Forum, the results of the last one regarding communication can be found on the school website. Our next subject to be discussed is homework. If you would like to take part in the next Parent Forum, please email the school office for more details.

Parent Questionnaire

We had 75 responses to the recent parent questionnaire and I would like to thank you for your honest feedback; it really helps us improve the school. I have published the findings with this newsletter and we are working on addressing the issues that you have raised.

National Child Measurement Programme

The government checks the measurements of children in reception and Year 6 on an annual basis; you can find the results on our website, go to the Parents section and then National Child Measurement Programme.

Arno Vale Junior School

Newsletter January 2017

Welcome back to all of you. I hope you have all had a peaceful and restful Christmas break. The children are certainly back into the swing of things now and the term has got off to a great start.....except for the heating!

Heating

Just before Christmas, we noticed that the heating system was playing up and needed regular bleeding. Upon further investigation, we found that there was at least one leak in the heating pipes (at the entrance to Year 6) and there could possibly be more. We were advised by the County Council that we could not operate the system and we would need to rely on portable heaters. Fortunately, we have been able to run the heating for most of the school (although water is still leaking) and at the weekend, the engineers were able to isolate the leak meaning we can use the system properly again. However, there will be no heat in the Year 6 toilets or cloak rooms. We are now waiting to hear the long term plans and will keep you informed when we know.

PTA

As you will know, we have a very active and supportive PTA. We usually meet on a Wednesday evening but on Friday, we held an afternoon meeting. Some of you have commented that this is a better time for you to join us. The next meeting is on Friday, March 3rd at 2.30 in school and then we plan to hold a very informal coffee afternoon with no agenda, just a chance to meet the PTA and see what we get up to. It will be on Friday, April 28th. We hope to see you at either event.

Forest Schools Area

You will be aware that some of the money you have raised over the last 18 months or so has been used to improve the outdoor areas of the school. Some of this money was used to establish the Forest Schools area adjacent to the Year 6 classrooms. This is used as an outdoor classroom and Miss Carter ran a Forest Schools club after school in the summer term last year. This year, she is running Forest Schools sessions on a Friday afternoon. Due to the nature of the activities she is undertaking, she can only have a limited number of children in each group. We hope that over the course of time, most of the children will be able to use this area and enjoy the benefits of outdoor learning.

Breakfast Service

Following the success of the bacon and sausage cobs in December, we will be offering our breakfast service again on Friday, February 24th from 8.00am until 9.00am. We will be selling tickets from the office and will let you know when they are available.

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Miss Oates

Miss Oates will be starting her maternity leave soon after half term and we are pleased to let you know that Mr Ian Lewis will be covering her leave. Mr Lewis is known to many of the children as he has provided cover for some of our classes. He is an experienced Year 5 and 6 teacher and we are looking forward to welcoming him on board. There will be a handover week straight after half term when 60 will be taught by both teachers.

PTA Disco

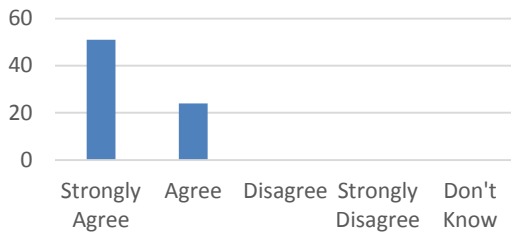
The PTA are holding a disco just for the children on Friday, March 17th from 3.35 until 5.00pm. The ticket price will include a snack and a drink. Children are welcome to bring their party gear with them to school in a bag to get changed into at the end of the day. The PTA will be sending out information soon.



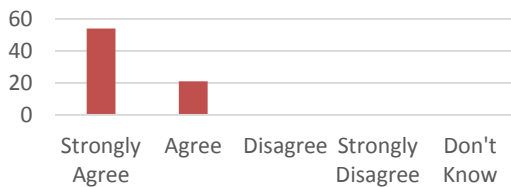
Parent's Consultation Evenings.

Just a reminder that we will be holding our Parent's evenings on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February.

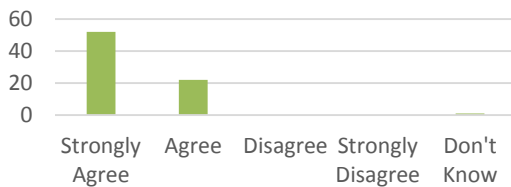
1. The school has a happy atmosphere.



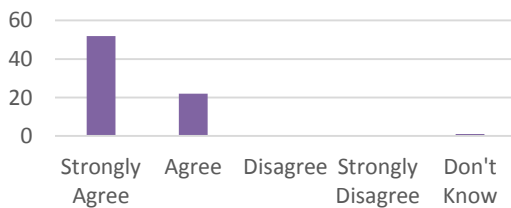
2. The school provides a safe environment for my child.



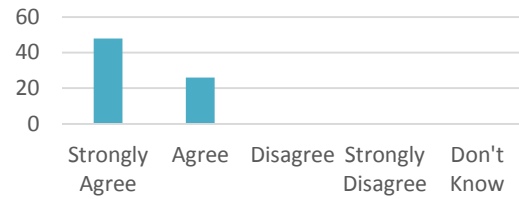
3. I am made to feel welcome when I come into school.



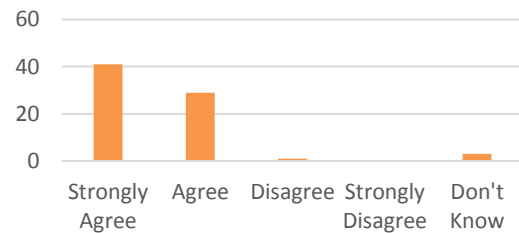
4. I find it easy to approach the school with questions or problems to do with my child.



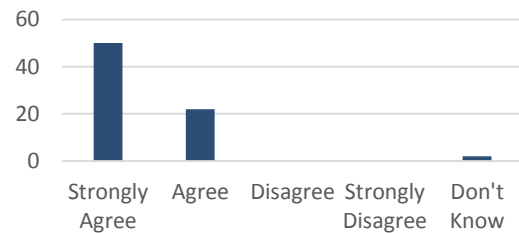
5. The school expects my child to work hard and achieve his or her best.



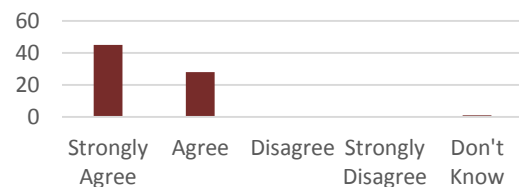
6. Staff and pupils respect and trust each other.



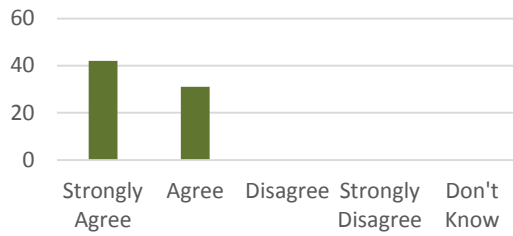
7. The school is well led and managed.



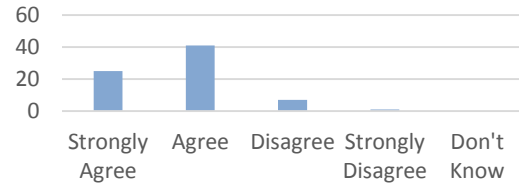
8. Parents are encouraged to play an active part in the life of the school.



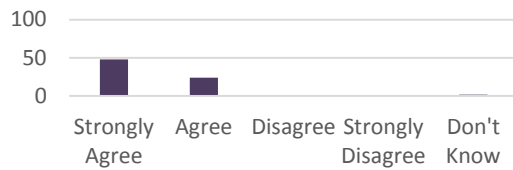
9. Newsletters are helpful and informative.



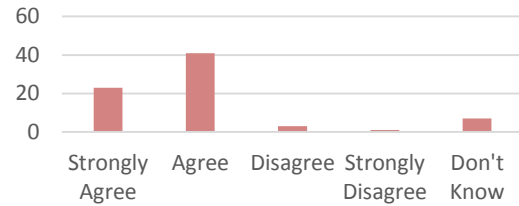
13. My child gets the right amount of work to do at home.



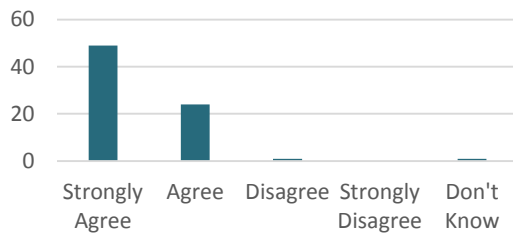
10. School reports and parent evenings keep me well informed about how my child is getting on.



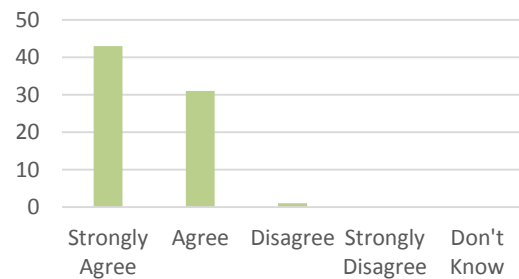
14. The school provides an interesting range of activities, clubs and sports outside lessons.



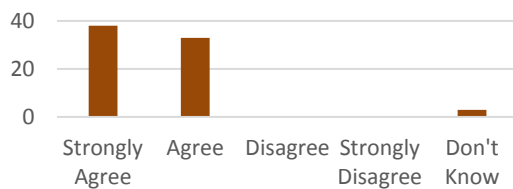
11. My child is making good progress at school.



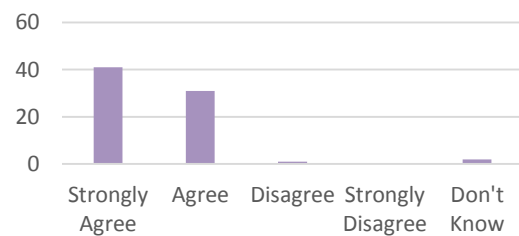
15. My child likes school.



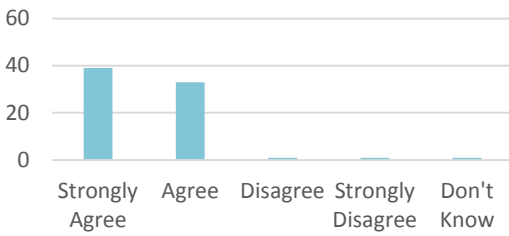
12. Pupils get help and support to do their best when they need it.



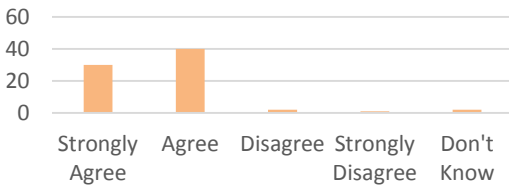
16. My child is treated fairly at school.



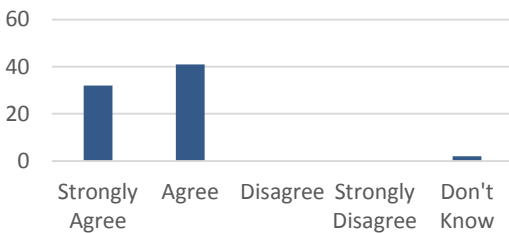
17. My child is happy at playtimes and lunchtimes.



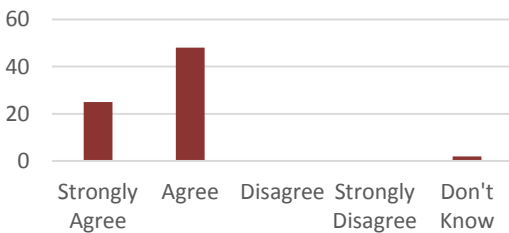
18. My child does not have a problem with bullying/or exclusion by his/her peers.



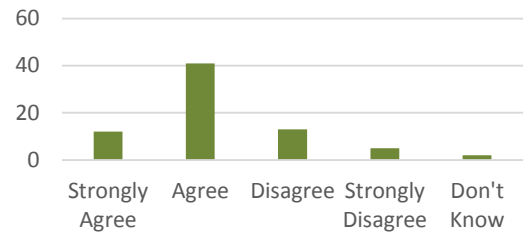
19. Behaviour in the school is good.



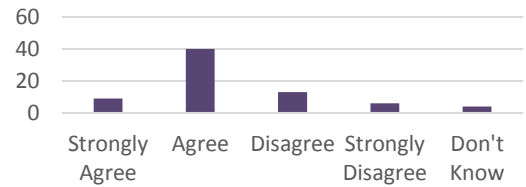
20. School buildings are kept in good order.



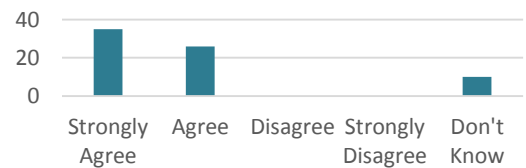
21. ParentPay is easy for me to pay for various items.



22. ParentPay is easy for me to book meals and out of school sessions.



23. The school office responds and deals with any ParentPay issues I encounter, in a helpful manner.



24. ParentPay system is an effective way for school to communicate with parents.

