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Hello everyone,

We just wanted to thank those that complete the Parents' Questionnaire and give you all some feedback about the comments we received.

Only 33 parents took part in the survey, so the results represent a small proportion of families.

Of those that did take part:

The majority (>90%) told us that their children:  
get enough feedback to help them understand what they are learning; they make good progress; they know where to get help; they enjoy reading; they enjoy phonics and spelling; they enjoy the different topics within subjects; they are happy at school (100%).

As parents over 90% of you told us that you believe that the school ensures that behaviour of children is good; the school is well led and managed; you know who to talk to if you have a concern and that the school responds quickly to those concerns; including dealing quickly and effectively with any bullying.

Feedback about what we do well tells us that you and your children feel that school is a safe, stable and happy place to learn with Christian values; engagement with parents is good; expectations are high both academically and behaviourally; children make good academic progress.

Feedback about what we could improve focussed on:

Playground space, after school clubs, lunchtime clubs and the reward system.

- With regard to lunchtime clubs, the school budget means we are unable to staff the school to run these clubs. We do have some clubs that are run by pupils and some staff give up their lunch break to run clubs. For all staff, lunchtime is the only break they get in the school day and much of it is spent preparing for lessons or marking work. We are always seeking, and are happy to welcome, parent volunteers into school. If any of you

have a passion, talent or skill that you feel you could use to run a club please do get in contact with us, we'd love to hear from you!

- As far as after school clubs are concerned, we have to employ extra staff to run these sessions and we therefore have to charge for them. In the past we have tried numerous times to run clubs, but the uptake has been insufficient to cover the cost. We do not have sufficient funds in the budget to absorb these losses; so sadly we cannot continue to run clubs after school hours. We do have a youth club that runs at the school, managed by volunteers which raises some much-needed funds for play equipment. We are also happy to point people in the direction of the multitude of clubs that run in and around the Ashbourne area.
- The playground area. As you will appreciate, we can't do anything about the size of our school site or play areas. We are trying to organise the space as best we can to accommodate all the ages and requirements of the children that we have. This continues to be a work in progress. Some of you suggested additional play facilities such as a climbing wall and we will of course look into these and see what is feasible within our budget. We are heavily reliant on the funds raised but the Friends to purchase items such as this and we would urge you to support or even join the Friends in their fundraising activities to help support the school.
- Some of you mentioned the field adjacent to the playground. This was part of the "No mow May" initiative and was also used for science projects when it was left uncut. It is now cut and back in use as a play space.
- Rewards system. We will look at the system and discuss it with the school council and teachers to best decide how to move forward with this. We want the system to be fair and to motivate children. If that is not the case, then we will make any changes necessary.

Thank you to those of you whom completed the survey and we hope that this information is useful to all of you.

With Best wishes,

The Board of Governors.

