

Nursery School Celebration Evening – March 2018

Thank you for coming along to our parent's celebration evening and sharing with us your child's progress and development. It was so lovely to be able to share time with each of you and listen to your thoughts and feelings about your child's development. Your enthusiasm and encouragement for our nursery school and the way in which you value and appreciate how we work with your children and yourselves is wonderful to hear. All of our families were happy and very satisfied with our school and would highly recommend us to others.

We agree with you all that your children are making excellent progress and really enjoying their learning. It was good to hear that the children are excited and motivated by our weekly visits to our outdoor urban garden at Acorn Wood, learning about other cultures, singing and dancing, the animal man, the duck hatching and how much you feel they are learning in maths and literacy. You are noticing that their phonic skills are developing well and that children are enjoying this work on sounds, and your children are progressing well with their speaking and understanding. You are impressed with how their spoken English has come on and how they are speaking English well at home. You also told us that your children's painting, writing and drawing skills are improving rapidly. You like the active learning approach that we use and appreciate how this improves learning for your children. You really value the social aspects of nursery school life, how children's confidence is building, the friendships your children are making and how happy they are to come to school each day. You are noticing that their communication and social skills are improving with their families at home too. You are appreciative of the way your children love learning new things and are becoming confident learners at the age of 3 and how their behaviour at home is improving. You also told us they want to come to school at the weekend!

You feel confident and assured that your children are safe and well looked after whilst at school and this means you know we are doing our job of safeguarding our children and keeping you well informed. You appreciate the strength of our communication systems, the consistency and our new personalised 'pigeon holes'. You also told us that you really value the quality of teaching and learning that we provide.

It is good to hear that you feel our staff team are welcoming, approachable, supportive and always there to help and offer advice. You value that our staff take care of children and their families and are always patient, kind and understanding. You are very acknowledging of how we offer support for your family events such as the birth of a new baby, a house move or a family illness. You are pleased with our breakfast and afterschool clubs and wrap around. You also asked if we could run holiday clubs again. If holiday clubs are of interest to your family please contact Pat in the school office.

You would recommend our school to other families because of our good communication systems and friendly supportive staff. You feel that we are welcoming and easy to talk to. You value how we care for your children, the quality of hygiene, the excellent learning opportunities and the levels of progress they make with us. You told us how older siblings who attended here are doing very well at primary school, and that the Ofsted rating 'speaks for itself - Outstanding'. You also feel that we know each child individually and are always on track with any problems which are resolved quickly. You feel we have a holistic approach to children and their families and are very 'family friendly, welcoming and safe'. You feel that we actually deliver what we promise when you first visit us - you are seeing your children achieving what we promised and feel at nursery age that this is 'beyond exceptional'. You feel very reassured by our ethos and values and the way we support children and families who have additional needs.

Some of you would like more support at home with your child and I would really recommend that you speak to your key worker in terms of how best we can help, continue to participate each week with the take home experiences provided and encourage your child to bring in their treasure and share their news. This builds a strong relationship between home and school for us all and enables us to be able to work closely with you to help in any way we can. We have a range of ways in which we can offer you that support so please do let us know how we can help.

You would like to take your child's learning journey with you before you finish rather than having to return for it later. We are planning to make this possible in July this year.

You would like us to organise day trips - every year we do this as our Summer celebration but we have tried to organise trips and visits in Autumn term this year. Sadly our parents couldn't attend so we had to postpone our visit. We will try again next year.

You would like us to organise dance classes or gymnastics. Unfortunately we operate after school club until 5.30 each evening and then our building is closed until 7.15am the next day. However, we have finally been successful in engaging with a sports coaching company who have accessed additional funding and are going to be delivering some large group physical activities for all of our children in school time during the coming year. This company may also be able to offer local out of school provision for children. We will find out and let you know what could be available for nursery age children.

You would like us to make available to you one to one drop in sessions with your child's keyworker on a set day. This is how we used to operate our celebration sessions however in response to feedback we moved to set parent's evenings each term. These more traditional style parents evenings are actually much better attended and seem to suit the majority of our families better however if anyone would like to book an appointment for a one to one session please contact Katy Wood our Deputy HT. We are always pleased to help you if we can.

We really appreciate your feedback and look forward to the rest of the year, working together to ensure that all of our children enjoy their early education and achieve to their full potential. We are continuing to improve our website, and social media communications and would really appreciate it if you could all sign up for parent mail text messaging service.

Kindest Regards

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