

## Aqueduct Primary School November 2017



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### 100% of parents agree or strongly agree that their child is happy at our school!



Thank you to all parents who attended parent consultations before the half term holiday. Not only was it great to see so many of you but we had lots of positive responses on Parent View.

The full results are below.

Question	% of Strongly Agree + Agree
1. My child is happy at this school.	100%
2. My child feels safe at this school.	97%
3. My child makes good progress at this school.	100%
4. My child is well looked after at this school.	97%
5. My child is taught well at this school.	100%
6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	87%
7. This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	84%
8. This school deals effectively with bullying.	63%
9. This school is well led and managed.	83%
10. This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	80%
11. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	90%
12. Would you recommend the school to another parent?	93%

We very much welcome your views and are constantly considering them in all our efforts to develop the school. Therefore, we feel it important to share with you the actions we have taken or intend to take in response to your answers.

We have done lots of work on what **homework** should be like across each year group over the last year and I receive lots of positive comments about the freedom that 'Home Experiences' give you as a family. There is a book in the main reception with some examples of these for anyone to look at if you would like some inspiring ideas.

We recently focused a lot of our work around **Anti-Bullying**, with all children, staff and governors signing our school charter. One of our governors attended the assembly and talked to children about her job as a police officer and how bullying affects adult lives too.

Although only 63% of parents felt they strongly agreed or agreed, the school deals with bullying effectively, 22% of parents stated that they 'didn't know' as they had not needed to approach the school for support for bullying.

This year the new visual steps of consequence in each classroom has had a positive impact on **behaviour**. The visual reminder of the school values and expectations have enabled pupils to make better choices which haven't led to additional consequences. There are less pupils receiving detentions compared to last year with no exclusions made so far this year. We continue to have high expectations of how pupils behave in lessons and on the playground with at least one member of the Senior Leadership Team out on the playground daily.

We continue to urge you to contact us should you have any **concerns**. Your child's class teacher continues to be the first contact. After that, should you wish to discuss a concern with a member of the SLT, the following people are available.

Mrs Lockley - Headteacher, Mrs Clarke - Deputy & KS1 lead, Miss Plowman - Inclusion Manager & Year 3/4 phase leader, Mr Palin - Year 5/6 phase leader and Mr Westwood - Assessment lead.

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### The Friends of Aqueduct Primary School

The Friends have been busy making things for the Christmas Fair in their craft sessions. There will be lots on offer, including a raffle, wine and water table, cake sale, crafts, lucky dip and refreshments. There will also be the opportunity to visit SANTA and get an early present!



They would welcome any help to set up before the fair, tidy up after the fair or help out at the fair. Please contact Clare Ware if there is anything you can donate to the raffle or if you can spare an hour of your time.

### Reading Celebration

Since we introduced the reading incentive scheme at the beginning of the year children have been reading more at home and receiving a sticker on their bookmark each time an adult signs their diary. We were proud to be able to put our first leaf on our reading tree to celebrate a full bookmark. Keisha Bushell in Mr Palin's class received a free book to take home. Well done.



We look forward to many more children completing their bookmarks and receiving a free book. We hope to have a full tree by the end of the academic year.

### Governor's corner

Governors meet regularly each term to discuss how we can support and challenge ways to improve our school. This term we have looked at reading across all the age groups. We have visited classrooms, observed lessons, talked to children and looked at their books. We have seen how the school staff have introduced new activities that encourage the children to read more and to apply their skills across a range of subjects. The children told us that they really enjoy reading at home and their reading diaries and books showed us that this is helping them to improve. Thank you for your support with helping your children to develop a love for reading. All of the Governors have also signed the 'Anti-Bullying' Charter and some of us even met Billy Bear.

### Attendance

So far this term the best class attendance has been as below.  
 Week 1 (30.10.17 - 3.11.17) - Miss Larlham 99.5%  
 Week 2 (6.11.17 - 10.11.17) - Miss Harrow 99.3%  
 Week 3 (13.11.17 - 17.11.17) - Miss Larlham 96.3%  
 Week 4 (20.11.17 - 24.11.17) - Miss Plowman 99.2%  
 Our whole school attendance target continues to be **96%**



### Dates for your diary

Last day of the Autumn term - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Date & time	Year Group	Event
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	All pupils	Mufti - Bring a raffle prize
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	All pupils	Christmas Fair 3:30 - 5pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2:30pm	Reception	Christmas Performance
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2:30pm	Year 1 & 2	Christmas Performance
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 - 6	Oakengates Theatre - Panto visit
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2:30pm	Year 1 & 2	Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	All pupils	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm	KS2 (Y3-6)	Christmas Carol Service - Holy Trinity
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception	Trip to Blists Hill
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December @ 8:45am	Y3&4	Read with parents session.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	All pupils	Christmas Jumper Day

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