

National News

Wednesday 1st May 2024



BANK HOLIDAY!

Please remember that Monday is a bank holiday and school will be closed. Please feel free to pop onto Google Classroom anything your child has got up to.

The feedback from your parental surveys is on the next few pages—thank you for your responses.



Listening to the Children's Feedback

As well as surveying parents in March we also did a survey with all the school aged children as part of Children's Mental Health week.

We encouraged children to speak out and discuss changes they wanted.

We listened to their feedback and heard the two main things that the children wanted to change about our school.

Many children requested a calm space to go at lunchtimes. Anna is now running a calm club on Thursday Lunchtimes. This gives children an escape from the busy school yard and a chance to be calm and quiet at lunchtime.

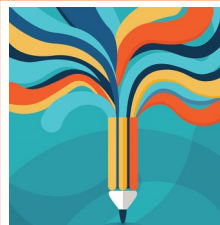
Many children requested a boys only session in the Muga at breaktimes. The boys definitely dominate the MUGA space so we introduced 'girls only' sessions at breaktimes. We have now added in a Boy Only session as the children definitely felt this would be fair!



Calder

Pennine

Stoodley



Writer of the Week

Well done for your wonderful writing this week!

Bunnies =	Phoebe Fagan
Owls =	Aly Dinsdale
Reception =	Imogen Driscoll
Class 1 =	Harper Adams
Class 2 =	Lucy Whitham
Class 3 =	Theo Claxton
Class 4 =	Parker Adams
Class 5 =	Ruby Coe
Class 6 =	Abu—Bakr



Stars of the Week

For showing our Christian values and being a good role model!

Bunnies =	Edith Clough-Bryan
Owls =	Harriet East
Reception =	Arthur Valentine
Class 1 =	Oliver Horne
Class 2 =	Cole Preston
Class 3 =	Jenuka Uragaha
Class 4 =	Katie Robinson
Class 5 =	Bella Terry
Class 6 =	Rhys Matthews

Everyday Counts

Excellent attendance is really important. It supports children's progress across the year, helps them learn new routines, ensures there are no gaps in their learning, maintains friendships and helps children thrive in school. That is why we aim for every child to have attendance above 96% to help them achieve in school. Each week the class with the highest attendance will win 15 minutes of special reward time.

This week's winners are

CLASS 2, 5 & 6

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	96%
1	94%
2	97%
3	96%
4	94%
5	97%
6	97%

Parental Questionnaire Results

Thank you to all the parents who responded to our Parental Questionnaire which was shared back in March. We managed to get 65 responses to our questionnaire.



99% of parents said 'My child is happy at school'.

100% stated that their child felt safe at this school.

99% of parents are happy that children at this school are well behaved.

Many parents (76%) were happy that bullying is dealt with effectively. 20% were unsure because they have no experience of it. Leaving just 3 parents unhappy with this statement.

All the parents who responded said they are aware of what the children will be learning.

88% said that concerns raised with school had been dealt with, 9% have never had experience of this. Leaving just 3 parents unhappy with this.

94% agree that their child gets the support they need.

100% agreed that the school has high expectations.

99% said their child does well at this school.

93% stated that school lets parents know how their child is doing.

92% agreed that the school offers a good range of subjects.

98% agreed that children can take part in clubs and activities at our school.

93% said that the school helps develop their child's wider development

AND a huge 99% would recommend this school to another parent!

This is another great set of results and shows what a brilliant, hardworking team of staff we have.

Thank you for taking the time to feedback to us.

The next page is full of your wonderful comments and suggestions moving forward.



Some Lovely Comments from our Parents

Everything! Lovely staff – school is friendly and welcoming, well organised especially compared to other schools I hear about! My child does well and is pushed to her full potential.

Welcoming my child to a new school, helping my child find his feet and grow in confidence when he first arrived. The school was amazing.

My child is very happy and her needs educationally and emotionally are being met. Anna Page is amazing and makes our life so much easier.

This school is involvement in the wider community, social events in out of school hours and fundraising opportunities for the children to be involved in.

It's great that parents can spend time in the classroom in the morning. The level of creativity involved in lessons is very impressive.

We have been really impressed with the school and how well our child has settled into Owls. My child is learning and developing well and seems very happy, which is the most important thing. We like how the nursery is part of the school, which will really help with the transition to reception. The nursery staff are very friendly and approachable. Tammy on reception is also great and very helpful.

My child seems to enjoy school in its entirety.

School is welcoming and the staff are lovely. The connection to the church is great and the school teaches a variety of subjects.

The school is good at creating a safe and inviting learning environment.

My child really enjoys coming to this school, communication is excellent, and he is really keen to learn.

My child moved to the school at the start of the school year. The transition has been very well supported, my child has been given so much reassurance and really enjoys coming as they have taken the time she has needed through her worries during the move.

Supporting my child with everything he needs within a school environment, giving a wide range of homework and investigation homework to help develop his skills

Fantastic staff who go above and beyond every day!

Everything, we have no complaints. Thank you all for your hard work and care and commitment to the children and their learning.

This school has great staff, communication and values. Kids feel supported, settled and stimulated.

My child's first two terms at school have been a complete revelation. He has made incredible progress in his reading, writing, numbers and most important to us is he is so excited about learning. I have no doubt that this is because of the incredibly special culture and atmosphere Miss Gill, Mrs. Mills and Miss Eaton create in Reception. We've been so impressed by how much thought and care goes into every single week. We couldn't be happier with our school choice.

Headteacher Response

Thank you for all your wonderful comments, I love working at this school and know the amount of hard work our fantastic, dedicated team put into creating a fantastic atmosphere for children to thrive. I am so grateful so many of you can see that too!

Some Recommendations that Parents Gave to Us

We have put as many suggestions below as possible without highlighting a particular family or child. The headteacher has read all your suggestions. We are delighted that there were so many more positive comments than suggestions. Here are the majority of your suggestions.

My child would like longer to eat her lunch.

Headteacher's response: At our school lunchtime is 45 minutes long and has to be staggered between 11:45 am and 1pm, this is because we have a small yard and we are full as a school with 205 children that need to get their lunch in the hall. Children can have the full 45 mins to eat but we do encourage them to eat faster so they get some time outside getting some fresh air.

Outdoor 'forest school' type activities.

Headteacher's response: All our EYFS classes get out into the community on Welly walk each week. Unfortunately we don't have a green space where this can be done. I have explored this happening in a public space but this doesn't meet H&S requirements. As a headteacher I try to encourage all teachers to book plenty of trips out of school, the minibus being stolen has hampered this. I will continue exploring options for this to happen.

More information about curriculum so we can gear trips and home learning to link up.

Headteacher's response: Every term the teachers produce a document that explains what the children will be learning. This is uploaded to our website on class pages so parents are fully informed. Our curriculum pages on our website also explain what each year group will learn across the year in each subject.

Quiet spaces should be implemented in all classrooms or an official quiet room.

Headteacher's response: Each classroom has a reflection area which is linked to our Christian Values—this is a reflective, calm space. Our infant classroom also have a book area which is a calm space. Many of our junior classrooms don't have the physical space for an 'area' but all our junior children have access to a calm box. Our school is lucky enough to have a rainbow room which is used as a calm space and is used for therapy and other interventions across the week.

More notice for dates of events would be welcome. More notice for school events.

Headteacher's response: Our school has a weekly newsletter which is a great place to get dates and event information. Many schools do not produce a weekly newsletter and produce termly ones. I know there has been some short notice trips that have gone out recently and this has been due to minibus and driver issues. I will endeavor to ensure that parents have as much notice as possible.

Letting parents know how their child/ren are doing - maybe termly. I would like more feedback on how my child is progressing. Communicate with parents more.

Headteacher's response: We have termly parents meetings which is above the government's expectation. Our teachers also produce a detailed, personalised report in the Summer Term. Unlike many other schools we have a open door policy in the morning, parents can talk to teachers at this time and children can show parents work they are proud of.

More variation offered for vegetarian meals.

Headteacher's response: Planning school meals is a skilled art. We have many, many children who are fussy and will not eat mixed food or unusual textures. We have tried more adventurous vegetarian food such as hummus, lentils, olives, cous cous, different cheeses, falafels and meat free alternatives but we had so much waste from these items that it wasn't cost effective or good for the environment. I am aware that children in nursery who are vegetarian are getting limited choice and I am working on improving this.

Would love to take part in clubs like story club but they are oversubscribed, and we never get a spot. But I'm splitting hairs because we love it here and think everyone does a great job!

Headteacher's response: I am sorry that your child didn't get a place, but places are limited and unfortunately we can't fit all children into the clubs they have requested. I am sure they will be selected for a club in the near future.

Would love to hear more about all the wonderful things happening within school.

Headteacher's response: I am working on this. We know that we could include more photos and celebrations in our newsletter and aim to do this moving forward.

Thank you for your feedback. Your views and ideas are important to us.

WE APPRECIATE
YOUR FEEDBACK
THANK YOU!