

The Headlines

**REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSES FRIDAY 13TH FOR HALF-TERM.
WE RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY.**



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Part Two in feedback from our latest Family Consultation Review.

Continuing from our last edition, we want to conclude our conversations around the recent review of school from families perspective.

It was interesting to read what was said about the wider aspects of school life that the children and families most appreciate and enjoy. Lunchtime Play Zones appeared frequently, as did our new Reading Gang approach to comprehension work. Extra-curricular clubs including the sporting enrichment were constantly referred to as highlights and important elements in school's offer. The children talked about the importance of the performing arts opportunities to those interested in the areas. Naturally, the children enjoy the thematic days and dressing up opportunities. Lastly, what pleased us the most was the number who relayed how the children enjoyed the style of learning and our approach. This is particularly rewarding as we do try to take the 'learner eye' perspective and design and craft an experience that is adapted to meet need and help that process of keeping up and making progress.

What we also want to consider is any areas that have arisen where we want to act, consider or pursue as we search for better. I have mentioned already how we have chatted with a number of the families about any particular stand out feelings to understand more and try to see where we can gain further and help more. As I said to some of the parents I met, there is no point in reviewing provision and seeking views if we only then want to look at the many positives. We have to be ready to drill down and set some new goals.

So here are a few pieces emerging in each case it is just one family raising the matter but every viewpoint counts and must be considered in light of what we can or possibly could do. One family raised the choice of the menu at lunchtime, whilst it is not school in control of the menu or the service provided we have feedback opportunities and dialogue as the receivers of the service and will pass these thoughts to the LCC catering team. A question around specific news for Early Years families or further highlighting of Early Years information came up. We do have this news item and the playground noticeboards, but the point is noted and is now part of thinking for future communications and how they could look.

Two separate thoughts came from families regarding uniform ideas. Both different thoughts but equally worth sharing and considering. One family asked about a winter dress option. Obviously the summer dress option is there and am aware that it states 'Summer dress' although we are more than happy for children to wear the dress at any stage in the year and a small number do occasionally use this option. We will add this to Parent Forum discussions in the coming weeks and months before 2026/2027 academic year. Equally we will talk about a request that jumper or cardigan be an option instead of hoodie. This was suggested by one family, so we will pick that up in the months ahead as we discuss thoughts with families via our new forum.

One thing we have already begun reviewing and planning for is the current toilets around school for the children and how we refurbish and improve them. We have started talking about a planned cycle to improve this area. They need more than just a spruce up, some need a full start again refurbishment and we have spent the last week looking at the broader condition of these areas and setting out a long term plan to improve them. It is a difficult area in that it is hard to know how they are used during the school day as staff naturally do not enter those spaces but we feel there is a broader improvement and refurbishment plan needed to bring this to ideally where we want them to be. Our hope is to begin that in line with some other short-term improvements we are aiming to make in the interim.

So, lots to go at. Lots of ideas, thoughts and of course amidst a hugely positive consultation. Come along to our Mayfield Together Coffee Morning Event at 9.00am on Tuesday 3rd March and we can chat further.

Many thanks, Mr Denton



Half-Term Diary

Fri 13th Feb: School Closes at 3.15 for Half-Term Holidays
Mon 23rd Feb: SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY
Tue 24th Feb: School Opens for Spring Term 2
Thu 5th Mar: WORLD BOOK DAY
Fri 6th Mar: 'Reading Gang in Storyland'
Thu 26th Mar: Clubs End for Spring Term
Fri 27th March: School Closes at 1.00pm for Easter



**Here On Time
96%**

Weekly Winner

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Target

SCHOOL	96%
NAT. YEAR	94.8%
NAT. WEEK	95.4%