

Parent Forum - March 2017

Feedback from Parent Questionnaire February 2017

21/28 families responded

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child enjoys school	17	4			
I am kept informed about my child's progress	20	1			
I feel that my child is safe and well cared for at school	21				
Behaviour in school is good	20	1			
The school is well led and managed	20	1			
The school takes account of children's views	13	4			4
The school seeks the views of parents/carers and takes account of their suggestions and concerns	16	5			
Communication with parents is good or improving	15	6			

What do you like most about Tonwell St Mary's School?

Below is a sample of the positive feedback you gave:

- Friendly atmosphere
- Range of clubs
- Like the size of class sizes and extra attention that pupils can gain
- Teachers are really supportive and really approachable
- Approachable, friendly staff who care for the children's wellbeing alongside educational needs
- The school building is beautiful
- Head leads with motivation and enthusiasm
- Good rapport between children, teachers and parents
- My children thrive in a tight knit community
- Everyone is welcome
- Individual care and attention as individuals with different needs
- Small classes so more time to focus on each child individually

What can we do even better at Tonwell St Mary's School?

Below are the main areas for improvement you identified and the action the school has taken to address issues raised:

Parents' Comments	Actions
Opportunity for children to go swimming	An intensive course of swimming lessons is booked for children in the juniors in the second half of Summer Term. More information will follow.
Improve music	A class set of recorders have been purchased and children in the juniors will have weekly lessons from the beginning of Summer Term.
Need more children to attend	School has been marketed in the following ways: new website, Friends of Tonwell plan to have stalls at community events in the Summer Term, Tonwell School display in Holy Trinity Church and our own page in the parish magazine, leaflets taken to all houses in Tonwell, posters put up in Hertford and Ware supermarkets and local shops, Mrs Bridgman has visited all Hertford and Ware children's centres to deliver leaflets and talk to

	parents, Mrs Bridgman spent a day in half term outside supermarkets in Ware and Hertford handing out leaflets in person. Plans to take marketing material to new housing sites, take children to read stories at local Children's Centres, have open mornings.
Wrap around care/after school club	Mrs Lazzari will be running an after school club from September 2017. There is a possibility we may be able to trial this in Summer Term.
My child has had a change of teacher too many times	Mrs Barnes will be staying at the school to teach in KS2 next academic year. Unless any teachers give notice in the Summer Term, staffing will remain more consistent in September.
More opportunity to take part in competitive sports	This term, children have taken part in the KS2 multi-skills festival with other schools, the Hertford and Ware Dance Festival with other school and a Y5/6 team will play competitively at the local Tag Rugby Tournament in the final week of this term. In Summer Term, junior children will have the opportunity to play in competitive cricket games and athletics competitions with other schools. The sports ambassadors will plan a sports day for all children which will involve competition.
Make an option for nursery children to stay for lunch	This will be offered to families in Summer Term
I feel the school doesn't need to do anything better – very happy	

Progress towards OFSTED targets

Good progress has been made towards our targets. The letter from our recent HMI monitoring visit will be available soon.

Vision for the school

Parents shared comments about suggestions for school vision. These will be shared with children through school council and children will make the final decision before it is ratified by governors

Reading Records

Parents requested that KS2 reading records are monitored by teachers more regularly and that children are reminded to bring reading records home.

ACTION: Mrs Bridgman to talk to staff to ensure reading records are checked and signed each week.

Spellings

Parents requested that copies of the spelling test are sent home each week so they can see any spellings their children still need to learn.

ACTION: Teachers will ensure tests are taken and marked in the children's spelling books that go home with new spellings each week.

KS2 timetable

Parents requested that a copy of KS2 timetable is shared and sent home.

ACTION: Mrs Bridgman to send a copy home via Parentmail.

Multi-Academy Trusts/Federations

We had a discussion about the local and national agenda. At some point before 2022, we will 'academise'. Mrs Bridgman and Governors are attending meetings and forging links with other local schools. We will meet with parents before any decisions are made.