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Dear parents,

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES 2022

Many thanks to all those who took the time to complete our parent questionnaire earlier this term. A breakdown of your responses to the main questions is attached. Thank you also for completing the additional questions relating to our website and School Talk sessions. We will take these responses into account when planning future developments.

We were delighted that the responses were overwhelmingly positive. One parent wrote, *"The school always puts the children first"*. This is definitely our aim.

Parents feel that the school does a number of things well and were particularly positive about the following:

- High quality relationships between teaching/office teams and the children
- Support for the child both academic and pastoral
- Enthusiasm, commitment and approachability of staff
- Parents' views are listened to
- Communication with parents

Improvements

As always, a number of excellent suggestions were made as to how we can further improve:

What parents requested	School response
More information on what the children are learning	<p>The details of our full curriculum can be found on our website under the 'Curriculum' tab. Here you will find a full curriculum map for the whole school as well as lots of detail on each subject area. However, to help parents further, we will also now send home our curriculum overviews for each year group at beginning of every term.</p> <p>COVID has prevented us from having parents in school so we are delighted that we are able to reinstate our Show and Share afternoons this term. This is an opportunity for parents to come into school with their child so they are able to see their classroom and look at the work they have been doing. It is also an opportunity to chat informally to the teachers.</p>
School Talk sessions focusing on how parents can help support their child's mental health. School talk sessions at different times.	<p>We have arranged for a session for parents on 'Supporting your child with mental health and well-being'. This session will be delivered by Eikon who are a charity working to support young people in Surrey. This session will be on Thursday 21st April and will be delivered at 7pm. Going forward, we will look to vary the timings of our School Talk sessions so that more parents are able to attend.</p>

<p>Greater range of sports and more opportunities for competitive sport</p>	<p>As a school we are beginning to re-establish our pre-COVID competitive sport features. This has been a challenge as it relies on other schools to be able to field a team but we are delighted that we have been able to take part in more competitive matches this term. This will continue to be a focus for the school moving forward.</p> <p>We will also be reinstating our interhouse competitions as this is an opportunity for all children to take part in competitive sport and win points for their colour team.</p> <p>We are developing our Games curriculum and are looking to widen the range of sports on offer to the children in their games lessons. We will be introducing basketball and lacrosse next year.</p> <p>We are always keen to offer a wide variety of sports during our after-school club programme. If any parents are able to support us in running after school sports clubs, please do get in touch.</p>
<p>More information on PTA</p>	<p>We are delighted that we have a new PTA! We are so grateful to the parents who have taken on the key positions as well as those who have volunteered to help out. An active PTA really does make a difference to the experiences of the children at New Haw.</p> <p>The PTA now have a section on our website under the 'Parents' tab. Here you can find out how to get involved.</p>
<p>Clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easier booking system - More clubs 	<p>After-school clubs are always a 'hot topic'! Over the years we have trialled a variety of booking systems and it genuinely does seem that there is no one method which is ideal for everyone. Please do come into the office and speak to Mrs Mercure if you have seen a more efficient and fair system in practice elsewhere. We would love to hear about it!</p> <p>With regard to the number of clubs, we would also very much like to expand what is on offer. To do so, however, we would need volunteers from the community, as all of our teachers are already involved in running after-school clubs. If you have a talent or skill you would like to share – plumbing, painting, knitting, sports, music, art, cookery, languages, quilting, or anything else for that matter - please do come in and talk to Mrs Mercure.</p>

Thank you again for responding to the questionnaire. We greatly value working in partnership with you, for the benefit of your children, so please keep the ideas and suggestions coming. Likewise, if you have any concerns, please always come and speak to us.

Yours sincerely



Mrs M Cahill
Executive Headteacher