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Parental Survey Overview:

Below is an outline of your responses to our recent parental survey, given as percentages. We received a total of 128 responses, this is 34% of the number of children on roll.

	Answers given as a percentage	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child is happy at school	48	48	2	2	1
2	My child feels safe at school	59	41	0	0	0
3	My child is making good progress at school	39	56	2	2	0
4	Children behave well in school	27	63	8	2	0
5	My child gets the right amount of home learning	16	63	7	12	2
6	My child is taught well	45	52	2	1	0
7	The school responds well to any concerns I raise	45	45	7	4	0
8	The school is well-led and managed	42	53	4	1	0
9	The school's outdoor environment is well planned and maintained	27	65	6	2	0
10	I know who the school governors are	5	41	34	16	5
11	The school provides a broad and balanced curriculum	32	63	4	1	0
12	My child is well looked after at school	49	50	1	0	0
13	School deals effectively with bullying	17	37	41	5	0
14	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	Yes 100			No 0	

What works well (www).....

Area of strength	Number of comments relating to this area
Ethos	23
Enjoyment	13
Potential	1
Inclusion	6
Community	9
Curriculum	8
Behaviour	3
Staff	28
Open door	8
Intervention/Special Educational needs	3
Communication	5
Breakfast club	1
Extra Curricular	1
Friends	1
Knowing whole child/social emotional	5





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Buildings/site	4
Values	3
Safe and secure	3
Miscellaneous	4

Even better if (ebi).....

Area for development	Number of comments relating to this area
Behaviour	4
Outdoor space	32
Communication	14
Indoor space	14
General	32
Clubs	10
Home learning – too much/too little	6
Special Educational Needs	3
Transition	4
Curriculum	6
Lunches	4

We will be looking at all the individual responses over the next couple of weeks and discussing as a staff and as a governing board. We were pleased with the rise in response to question number 9 relating to the outdoor environment. Over this last year, we have installed the timber trail, the multi-use games area, replaced fencing and stripped back part of the garden area. We have many other plans for our outside space and are actively looking for grants to support this. Inside we have improved our main entrance into school, removing the ICT suite and investing in technology within the classrooms, we have created our forest library space, plastered the back wall in the hall, created 4 new break out spaces for small group interventions and created more inspirational decoration through the art work. Again, we have many more plans moving forward and are in the process of prioritising these.

We are delighted that 100% of you would recommend our school to other parents. Thank you for the comments that you took the time to write, these will be shared with all staff. It is great to hear what is going well from your viewpoint and your comments always help us to recognise what we are doing well and are very much appreciated.

We are also grateful for your constructive feedback. These will be looked at in detail and actions taken where necessary. We do continue to encourage you to come and speak to a member of staff with issues as they arise.

Home learning is an aspect of school life that always splits opinion in a school community. At the beginning of this school year, we reviewed our home learning policy with our parent forum and adapted it. It will be an aspect that we discuss as a school staff and talk to children about ready for next academic year.

I will send out another overview of our school governors, who they are and what their role entails. We will also put up a photo board in our reception area of governors and staff. This link on our website introduces all of us: <http://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/about-us/governors>. We currently have 3 vacancies for our governing board. We have two vacancies for co-opted governors at the moment and we would like to fill these vacancies with people who have knowledge or a keen interest in these specialities in 'Health and Safety' and 'Curriculum'. Training is available so if you have an interest in these areas and you have some time spare to devote to the role we would love to hear from you. We also have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you would like to be part of the strategic direction of our school, please return the paperwork sent out with this letter or come and have a chat with myself, Libby Ash (Co-Chair) or Helen Hibbins (Clerk to Governors).

Many parents do not know how bullying is dealt with in our school. In future newsletters, we will address this to ensure that families know our policy and actions that we may take.





Maths Games Workshop

This Thursday there is a maths games workshop for children and their adults. This will be a range of maths games for you to have a go at with your child. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 workshop is from the end of school until 4.15pm. The Year 3-6 workshop runs from 6-7pm. We hope that you can join us for this event in the school hall.

School website

A huge thank you goes to Vince Weston, an ex-parent, who has built us a new school website. Vince has donated many hours of his time to transferring over old parts of our website onto the new site and designing the new one. Please take some time to browse this: <http://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/>

Dates

The calendar on the school website should have the dates of all school events: <http://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/calendar> Below are some dates coming up this term –

Friday 24 June	Years 3-6 Sports morning, am – venue: St Martin's field
Monday 27 June	Reserve Rec, Y1, Y2 Sports morning
Tuesday 28 June 6pm	Starting School Meeting for new Reception intake – School Hall
Friday 1 July	Reserve Y3-6 Sports morning
Monday 4 July	Parents Evening 4-7pm, appointment system
Thursday 7 July	Parents Evening 4-7pm, appointment system
Friday 8 July	School Summer Fair
Tuesday 12 July	KS2 Afternoon performance
Wednesday 13 July	KS2 Evening performance
Wednesday 13 July	Rainbow Day – more details to follow
Tuesday 19 July	Transition day – children spend the day in their new classes
Tuesday 19 July	3.30-5pm - Meet the new teachers – a chance for parents to meet new class teachers
Friday 22 July	Year 6 Leavers assembly, times to be confirmed
Friday 22 July	Last day of term

Sporting Events

Recently we have been able to provide a range of different sporting experiences to children in a range of year groups and would like to congratulate everyone who takes part in sporting competitions, tournaments or festivals across the school. So far this term, the children have taken part in badminton, cross-country running, Dartmoor3Ball, Kwik cricket, Olympic events, Change4Life events, beach festivals and rounders. Every child that has taken part has represented the school with the greatest of enthusiasm and we are looking forward to the remaining sporting activities for the rest of the year!

Year 6 Girls Kwik Cricket

On Monday 23rd May 2016, eight girls from Year 6 took part in a Kwik Cricket Tournament against other schools in Devon. The girls were really keen cricketers and showed a great improvement in their skills from the first match to the last match, which was highlighted in their running scores which improved from 206 in the first match to 229 in the final match. The girls were part of 5 cricket matches and were clear winners in two of them. They narrowly lost against the eventual winners too.

"We all worked well as a team to achieve as many wickets as possible because the opposition got points deducted!" - Jessica
 "I am proud that I caught someone out with a hard catch" - Imogin





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From St Martin's Church

On Saturday 11th June St Martin's Church are holding an Open Day from 1-am to 5pm to celebrate HM The Queen's 90th Birthday.

There will be various displays and refreshments, including lunches.

For further information please contact 01392 823273

From Exminster Summer Play scheme

Exminster Summer Playscheme will be holding their famous Quiz Night on Friday 10th June in the Victory Hall. Doors open at 7pm and the quiz starts at 7.30pm.

There will be a licensed bar, Irish Bingo, and a raffle.

Tickets cost £5 per person to include a cheese platter with a maximum of 6 per team. Tickets are available from Coffee on the Corner or Anne Snell. Please contact 832763 or info@exminsterplay.co.uk

