



# Parent Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

## Parent Survey Feedback

I have collated all the results from the parent survey. I am delighted with the very positive views parents express about the school.

School In General	Percentage Answered Yes.
Does your child enjoy coming to school?	98
Does your child take part in any school clubs?	73
Does your child talk to a teacher or other adult when they have a problem?	81
Do you talk to teachers at the start or end of the day?	55
Do you feel comfortable making an appointment with the school to discuss a problem?	92
Do you believe the school to be doing its best for your child?	97
Do you believe the school is a safe place?	98
<b>Teaching and Learning.</b>	
Do you think your child gets enough homework asking them to practice work they have already covered in class?	87
Do you think your child gets enough finding out homework like the three research projects?	76
Do you think your child does enough challenging work in their class?	82
Do you think there is a good balance between English, Maths and other subjects in your child's class?	84
Do you think your child makes enough progress in their class?	77
Do you think your child learns by different strategies or styles in their class?	87
Do you think your child gets enough rewards for doing well in their class?	68
<b>School Dinners</b>	
Does your child have school dinners at any time?	73
Does your child have school dinners three times a week or more?	11
Would you tell your child to have school dinner even if they wanted packed lunch?	35
Do you think packed lunch is better because you know your child will eat it?	45
Is it easier to give your child a packed lunch?	18
Is it cheaper to give your child a packed lunch?	77

The only concern we have with regard to this information is whether we can improve school dinners. This survey suggests having school meals for the week is unpopular. The survey suggests the reasons for our current low take up being; children want to eat with their friends; children only want to eat certain food and items that will push the price of school dinners higher. Sadly, our hall is limited in size and we cannot sit all children at once, we must give a varied menu which avoids the processed food children love and finally we must be mindful costs cannot escalate. A challenge indeed!

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levels of uptake. Therefore our contract with the provider will end at Easter. The cost of school dinners is already in excess of £1.90, the school subsidising the difference. To reach a 'break even' figure we need in excess of 120 dinners each day. We are working with the Local Authority to find a solution that meets the opinions reflected in our survey and which can be afforded.

In an attempt to improve quality, we are hoping to move the kitchen from its current location to the room behind the hall.

### Cycling and Scootering To School.

We have installed racks for bicycles and scooters inside the school perimeter fence. Our plan is to issue a cycling certificate for children that wish to bring their bicycles to school. This will make clear that we expect children to be coming to school safely and accepting responsibility for themselves and their equipment. Once in possession of a certificate, bicycles and scooters can be left in the racks with a lock provided by home.

We are hoping to offer Bike-ability once again to all ten year old children that are interested.

### Half-Term Activities.

Rayleigh Library is putting on these events over half-term and beyond. Please contact the library if you want to take part. The contact we have is Jodi Stonebridge - Customer Services Supervisor - Rayleigh.

Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2-4pm	Children's Art workshop. Make fun window decorations. Tickets £4 each. Ask staff to book your place.
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11am-12	High School Musical event. Fun High School Musical activities. All ages welcome, drop in for a chance to win a ticket to the show that night!
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2pm	Sunday Storytime Come and have some Horrid Henry fun at our latest free Sunday storytime.

### Dates For Your Diary.

Half Term 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Easter Holiday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> April
Inset Days 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Summer Term 19 <sup>th</sup> April- 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Yr3 Roman Day 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Bank Holiday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Yr2 Infant Music Festival 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Half Term 31 <sup>st</sup> May - 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Yr6 PGL 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset Day 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Parents Evenings 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Summer Fete 27 <sup>th</sup> June

Have a Good Half Term ó See you on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February!**