

**Results of recent Parental surveys –**  
**‘Next steps for Fritchley’ event and ‘How can we improve this**  
**school’ suggestion box in entrance hall.**

**WHAT WE DO WELL**

- Teachers who really care and some are excellent at communicating with parents (this needs leveraging).
- Communication well via text.
- Welcome new people to the school – put people/student at ease. Good atmosphere.
- P.E
- Now a good school re Ofsted, Well Done! Improved education.
- Brilliant Ofsted. The only way is UP!
- It is good that the school has recognised that children need practice in various sports to help them when they take part in competitions. Let this be reality – so important for children.
- Always happy to help. Mrs Archer has helped us a lot.
- Good atmosphere and community feel. Great teachers.
- Care for our children.
- My boys have settled in so well this term in their new classes. Love the way the teachers are teaching to their strengths/specialists subjects.

**WHAT WE CAN IMPROVE**

- Include more/different children in Friday assembly awards.
- Reading – individual with juniors – do you read individually with the children? Guided reading – no feedback. Next steps – Limbo – as what to do’, \* mum to support\*. What level is she at?
- To be more family friendly. Fritchley School like a family – with parents, teachers and children working together as one big community.
- We use to get updates of children’s levels regularly – not had any updates lately. Don’t know if they are progressing.
- Year 5/6 Whitehall photos.
- Need more reading in school & parents need to know how well their child/children are doing?
- Children need to be part of important sporting events. Missed opportunities – supporting ‘Tour of Britain’ cycling event, it came this part of Derbyshire only a few weeks ago.
- More books on the Silver Book List please
- Listening to parent’s comments and issues.
- Homework help for parents.
- More information for parents.

- Improve the social/family welcome atmosphere like it used to be.
- Bike Days – miss bike riding at Middleton Top. Parents takes the bikes up there. Year 5/6. Pantomimes, walking days, more drama & dancing for children.
- Trips or development outside of school. Not saying it has to be expensive. Just getting out & about in the community/Derbyshire.
- More trips and days out.
- Aces Day and local walks.
- For future years, could the school consider changing the days of the week inset days fall on – some at the end of the week and some at the beginning. This would help part-time workers. I understand it has to be a set day for all teaching staff to attend.
- Better consideration for working parents i.e. flexible times etc.
- How the Headmistress talks to people.

### **COMMUNICATION IDEAS**

- Emails as well as text messages.
- Website! More information on the website. The school website needs an overhaul.
- More afternoon 'Book & Tea' get together.
- Open playground in the morning.
- More verbal face to face contact.
- More notice for things.
- Facebook page.
- Rather than 3 or 4 texts one after the other. Perhaps one with all the information on.
- More explanation & structure to the homework – set timelines & notes to/from Parents. Esther is usually great at this so use her as a benchmark.
- More face to face interception with parents. Emails with more explanations behind changes than given in very succinct texts. Changes to teaching staff & timelines/structures needs to be communicated at the outset. If we get things explained as developed rather than 'Chinese Whispers'.
- Let staff know of things going off and not giving just a two minute warning.
- Would like to know more about timetable – I am not clear which days trainers are needed etc. In Chatsworth there is no incentive to fill in the reading record & I haven't seen it in a while.
- I like that we have so many dates for the year already.
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### **TEACHING TO OUR STRENGTHS COMMENTS**

- I really like this idea and it means that the children are comfortable with all the teachers & won't mind moving up.
- Good & stable routine. Like it!

- Great idea.
- I welcome the idea but with the limited amount of staff engaged & the length of time the teachers can work (part-time basis for most staff). This is limited in reality eg. Teaching assistant teaching French not Miss O'Shea. teaching

## **HELP IN SCHOOL COMMENTS**

- Getting parents involved is a massive thing! We need more Parent Helpers and parent/staff communication. This works 'both ways', it's not just up to teachers to communicate!
- 'Friends of Fritchley' – I think you will get more parents engaged if they know what they are doing/when and why – no feedback has been communicated on fundraising events. How many I-pads do we need? How many did we buy or what is the shortfall? Everything is lastminute.com.
- Parents can help from home with their own children if guided – ie better communication on receiving guidance/homework. We need to think about different ways to engage parent, not just coming into school at set times.
- Happy to help organise events.
- Could we do reading by getting several parents in together so that more children read individually?
- Specific big charities e.g. Children in Need, Sports Relief and pick a small local charity annually to support.
- Could silver coin donation days make a contribution to a different charity each time? Perhaps the children could nominate a charity.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS IDEAS**

- FAMILY SPORTS DAY
- Summer fair (raise money for school)
- Family beetle drive
- Pie & peas evening
- Silent auction (maybe parents could donate gift ideas... i.e. cakes, vouchers that could be auctioned- raise money for the school)
- Quiz & fish + chips
- More village related events + evening events so working parents can come
- Chocolate bingo
- How about a trip to London or somewhere
- Family events (evenings and weekends – Social get together – trip to seaside/theme parks etc. – as social fundraiser)
- Adult events (concerts, live bands, theatre trips etc. for both social and fundraising reasons