

Responses to parent views regarding how Lilleshall Primary School could be even better.

Even Better If	Response
<p>More parents "teaching" evenings. How to do maths at home etc. to ensure consistent methods used.</p> <p>Increased communication with parents. More late afternoon/evening meetings/parents activities for working parents.</p>	<p>Usually we would hold a parents evening linked to the curriculum in the Autumn Term, however, this year due to three new staff joining us we have decided to hold this in the Spring Term and the focus will be mathematics. We will look for more opportunities to provide more teaching events. We have put on events for the Foundation Stage this term and will be running a SAT workshop for parents in the spring term.</p>
<p>Could do with an Easter Parent Consultation.</p> <p>Books to be available on Parents Day please.</p> <p>Books out to view.</p>	<p>There is Parents Consultation in the Spring Term on the 27th February, but this could be moved to later in the Spring Term and closer to Easter if that is what parents would prefer. We tend to have it earlier in the term as Easter dates change and this gives us time to review and share new targets with parents ready for assessments in May.</p> <p>Books will be available at all Parents Days from now on.</p>
<p>Feedback to parents on progress half termly.</p>	<p>Progress is monitored by teachers regularly and we have found that half termly progress reports take up a lot of administrative time and actually termly updates are more informative and helpful.</p>
<p>Parents could meet with new year teachers at the beginning of the school year. Introduction and what to expect.</p>	<p>We now provide an opportunity for pupils to meet their next teacher before the end of the summer term. We could consider how this could be extended to parents, maybe in the form of a meeting at the end of a school day in the summer term or early in the autumn term.</p>
<p>School diary to record important events.</p> <p>Change the day of the nativity play on a yearly basis.</p>	<p>The last page of the school newsletter has an overview of the dates for the school year. About three years ago we started to plan the key events for the whole school year to give parents greater knowledge of when events were taking place.</p> <p>We will look at changing the day for the KS1 Christmas Production each year if that would be helpful.</p>
<p>Parents to be involved in assembly when handing out special achievements.</p>	<p>I agree this would be lovely, but unfortunately we only just fit in the school hall as it is and there isn't room for any additional visitors. We could split the presentations for KS1 and KS2 but siblings love to see each other getting awards.</p>
<p>An extra piece of homework in Yr 2.</p>	<p>Homework is always an issue some people want more some people want none at all. I try to keep homework to a minimum as family time is precious and for working parents finding time to support their children can be tricky too. However, we do provide access to espresso, timestables rock stars and curriculum visions. The weekly expectation is that pupils complete their spellings including identifying definitions and using them in context, spend time reading and sharing books and complete timestable activities. Timestables are vital and in Yr4 in 2020 there will be</p>

	a national timestable test for pupils that indicate whether they have or have not met the national standard.
<p>Will running club still run?</p> <p>Plan for sports. Develop plan for classes to follow programmes geared to prepare pupils for inter-schools competitions so pupils have opportunity to compete and win. Not just preparing in clubs but also in PE lessons.</p>	<p>Yes running club will be maintained.</p> <p>We have increased the preparation that we do for competitions but it would be good to do more. However, we also have a PE curriculum to cover and we employ coaches to support the development of pupil's skills in Football, Hockey, Rugby and Tennis at this time. We also have to balance the books and ensure that we can afford the coaches and teaching staff required for pupils to attend competitions. We would love to attend more competitions and this is something we will continue to work on and try to increase.</p>
<p>Get sponsorship for each trim trail station from parents' companies or local companies.</p> <p>More fundraising for the trim trail.</p>	<p>This is a great idea and something I hope to start work on soon, getting a price for each item. Thank you, I had not thought of this.</p>
<p>Clubs:</p> <p>Reinstate Minecraft Club.</p> <p>Could all Club letters come out as one, so there is only one piece of paper to deal with. Could all clubs run from first to last week of term? No confusion for parents or pupils.</p> <p>Letters to parents/communication improved. Information sent out sooner, e.g. needing shin pads for PE.</p>	<p>I will see if there are any staff who are willing to run Minecraft Club again.</p> <p>I would like to send all club letters out as one but this isn't practically possible, as it would be become very lengthy and difficult for parents to find the relevant information. I would like all clubs to run from the first week of term, so we are going to change how we organise getting the letters done and out to parents. Hopefully all club letters will go out on the Tuesday of the last week of term. Clubs will then run, whenever possible, from the first week of term. We will not run clubs generally in the last week of term as there is often so much going on and facilities and staff are very stretched.</p> <p>External providers are a little trickier at times and I am often chasing for information, but I will see what I can do.</p> <p>Sometimes information is very late reaching us or in honesty I don't act on it quickly enough i.e. shin pads for hockey.</p>
<p>Forest school/more outdoor/natural/nature based education - make the most of beautiful location.</p>	<p>This is something we are always aiming to do, but I would like even more opportunities. We will look into forest schools and see if this something we can offer.</p>
<p>No minute maths - too much pressure.</p>	<p>Usually I get positive responses regarding minute maths, but if this an issue for your child then please come in and talk to myself or the class teacher and we will see what we can do to help.</p>
<p>More play in the classroom (they don't need to grow up too quickly).</p> <p>More practical activities in classroom.</p>	<p>We have been looking at our curriculum provision and how we can ensure attainment and progress whilst offering more play based and active activities. We are looking at Planning in the Moment in EYFS and this is play based and is working really well. We are looking for engaging, creative contexts for English and mathematics especially for our younger pupils where they are using play to</p>

	<p>respond to challenges such as building a bridge for The Three Billy Goats Gruff and being detectives to find out about fairy tales. We have also purchased Active Maths this provides maths activities that can be completed outside and are about getting up and about. We are also reviewing our curriculum to ensure there is a good focus on the foundation subjects as often these provide opportunities for pupils to be active. This year we focusing on music and the feedback from pupils has been great: "We are learning new things and having so much fun too." "We get to be creative and compose our own music."</p>
<p>We could have a diary to communicate homework and info from teachers.</p>	<p>We have homework books in years 5 and 6 which pupils can complete if they wish to do so. Homework is also communicated through Parentmail and often children are provided with worksheets setting out the homework and due dates. However, if there is an issue then please don't hesitate to drop us a letter or give us a call.</p>
<p>Advice on secondary schools, application process, Thomas Telford Application before YR 6 as it is a minefield looking at all the schools, applying for them and all the tests. Maybe previous Yr 6 parents could help with a meeting for Yr 5's. Happy to help in any way with this.</p>	<p>It is indeed a minefield and is not helped by the fact that things change and deadlines change. I am part of the Newport Cluster of Primary and Secondary Schools and will see if they have any ideas, even if it at least covered the Newport schools. I will have a look at the deadlines for this year and see if we still have time to support parents. There is a link on the school website to the LA Admissions information.</p>
<p>Communication with parents about events and activities.</p>	<p>Parentmail has greatly enhanced our ability to communicate with parents, but is quite costly that is why we keep texts to a minimum. On the last page of the newsletter each half term there is a list for the year of upcoming events and activities and we do try to send out reminders nearer the events. However, we are always looking for ways to improve so all suggestions are very welcome.</p>
<p>Utilize more functionality of Parentmail, specifically payment for clubs/trips etc.</p>	<p>Clubs and trips can be paid for on parentmail and a large percentage of parents do use this facility, if you have any issues with the system then please drop into the office and someone will be happy to help.</p>
<p>Dinners could be improved and more appealing meals. Allow children bigger portions if required at lunchtime. The lunch time staff (kitchen) need to improve. Sometimes my child has not had a hot lunch even though ordered. School cook isn't always kind to my children.</p>	<p>I will take these issues forward too. I have met recently with the provider to share with them the Thomas Telford School pay system which works beautifully and I have shared our frustration with the system that we have in place. Unfortunately the governors are not in a position to run the kitchen directly as all of the equipment belongs to the provider and we do not have the resources to replace it. So I keep sharing your concerns and try my best to ensure that the meals are of a good quality and children are treated appropriately. I will complete a broader survey with parents and pupils to gain more views to pass on to the provider.</p>

<p>Staggered start times for KS1 and KS2 to ease parking issues. Anything could be done regarding parking.</p>	<p>This is something that we have given consideration to, but the issues arise when you have a child in both Key Stages as you end up hanging around before and after school for long periods of time and in the winter that would not be nice.</p> <p>We have moved the Breakfast and After School Club into the school building so that they can accommodate more children therefore enabling a greater range of drop off and pick up times.</p> <p>We did introduce a Walking Bus and for a couple of years this was very well supported and parents could drop off at the Memorial Hall, again reducing traffic outside of school. However, this became less and less popular particularly in the winter months and in the end was unsustainable.</p> <p>Our JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers) have been working hard to ask parents to park considerately. One parent did suggest that we have a zebra style crossing in the car park and I think we may now have the permission we need to do this, it is in the pipeline and was great idea.</p> <p>My brother was actually run over and killed on the way home from school so I do really understand your concerns and I am always open to suggestions. Parking around schools is always dreadful, but if people are considerate things do improve greatly.</p>
<p>Parents supervised their children on the play area before school.</p>	<p>That would be lovely as sometimes there are incidents and accidents.</p>