

Dear Parents

We've come to the end of another busy term; I hope you have enjoyed seeing what we have been doing and that you enjoyed the Christmas productions. Thank you to all of you for your generous donations after the performances, we raised an impressive £243.71 that is going to be sent to the UNICEF children's Syrian appeal, a charity chosen by School Council. I hope to see as many of you as possible at our final event- the Carol Service in the church on Friday 18th December at 9.00am.

PE Kit

Please can I ask you to check your child's PE kit for the start of the new term. Please can you check that their PE kit fits, if you need to buy new trainers please can you ensure that they are either predominately black or white, and for health and safety reasons that they fit properly and have a good tread. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Results of parental questionnaire 2015-16

	Strongly agree	agree	disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
	%	%	%	%	%
My child is happy at this school	87	12			1
My child feels safe at this school	91	8			1
My child makes good progress at this school	70	29			1
My child is well looked after at this school	84	16			
My child is taught well at this school	75	25			
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	46	47	2	1	4
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	60	40			
This school deals effectively with bullying	66	19			15
This school is well led and managed	85	15			
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	75	19			6
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	48	49	2		1
As a Church of England School Twineham supports and encourages an ethos of care, respect and consideration of others.	81	18			
Would you recommend this school to another parent? Yes – 100%					

As you can see from the table above I am very pleased with the positive results we have received.

There were also a number of positive comments received:

- We are thrilled with the way the school has welcomed and supported our son.
- We are so pleased with how the school is being run, both our children are very happy
- My children all enjoy school and have had additional help to maintain their progress.
- *is really happy at school and enjoys going every morning.
- Really pleased with how * is progressing in school and he seems very happy
- Thank you for all your support to my two children here
- Excellent school, my child is very happy in school and very well looked after.
- * has been a different, happier more confident child since at Twineham. We love it!
- A well-managed school where everyone is known and encouraged and due to its size is very personal. Mrs Dawson is an excellent head and communicates extremely well with children, parents and others for the overall benefit and enjoyment of all concerned to create a school with a lovely feel and everyone's overall happiness. It is a safe and nurturing school. The range of additional activities e.g. bushcraft in environment week etc. is fantastic and of importance to children's rounded education. Thank you.

Areas for development:

A very small minority of you (2 parents) stated that you felt you did not receive valuable information about your child's progress. We have an open door policy; please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher if you would like to talk to them at any time about the progress your child is making. In addition to this we have a parents evening in the Autumn and Spring term where you can look at your child's books and talk to the teacher and you will be sent a written progress report in the Summer term.

We also had a comment about changes in the way we communicate to you. I hope the information recently sent out by the office gives you a clearer understanding of the systems we are using.

FOTS Christmas Fair

Many thanks to the FOTS committee who worked tirelessly to organise such a fantastic fair, it was enjoyed by everyone and has raised a lot of money.

Pyjama Day

School Council would like to thank all of you for your fantastic contributions on our recent pyjama day. We raised a magnificent sum of £173.10 that is going to be sent to the UNICEF children's Syrian appeal, a charity chosen by School Council.

Hand ball tournament

On the 9th of December the Ivy class Handball team attended their first handball match. The team included: Evie Tighe, Harriet Birkby, William Thornton, Ethan Hardaway, Olivia Kolter, Ella Holt, Jake Sandwith and Charlie Killick. This opportunity was fantastic, everybody enjoyed taking part and we all had such fun. We played four schools and scored a total of 31 goals. Unfortunately, we were 1 goal away from getting into the semi-final. We finished 5th out of 8 teams. Written by the Sports Crew



May I on behalf of everyone at Twineham School, wish you a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday January 4th 2016.