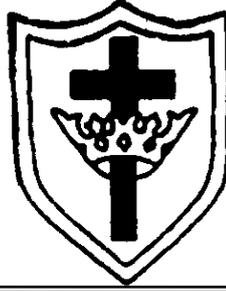


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Thank you for all your comments; we received a fantastic 112 parental responses.

The questionnaire results and your comments will be discussed by the Governors on July 3rd 2014 which is their next main Governing Body meeting. I will let you know of any changes that we make based on your comments and my remarks below.

It appears that we need to consider opening more clubs to Foundation Stage – we did worry that they might be too tired after a school day but the responses below show a need for Foundation Stage to be offered clubs. Previously a Football Club has been offered to Foundation Stage in the summer term, however this year the provider could not find anyone to run the club. We only have space for one club per night as teachers are working in their classes preparing for the next day. Again we will discuss if there is any way around this so that we can offer more clubs. The range of clubs offered is reliant upon the offers that we receive from providers. I am always open to suggestions if you know of a suitable qualified person who can offer to run a club (they need to have a DBS clearance, their own insurance and agree to sign and abide by our Club Agreement).

Homework is always an interesting topic with some parents requesting more and some parents less! You can find links to activities on our website under 'Useful Links for Children' and under Curriculum / Help Your Child - Foundation Stage you can find many leaflets and activities for Foundation Stage. If you do not receive homework, each week from Y1 and Y2, please let Mrs Schneebecke / Mrs Ivall know as they prepare the homework each week for their year groups. Next academic year, on our website, we will be providing a link to additional homework activities through Espresso. This is an award-winning digital learning service which we have recently purchased.

It may seem strange that we have to ban certain products in lunchboxes. We only do this when children have severe allergies that are triggered by touching or breathing in products in the air and require the administration of an epi-pen. We have also changed our cleaning products to ensure that we make the environment as safe as possible for these pupils.

P.E. is high priority at this school. In Y1 and Y2 children have 2 lessons per week (about 2 hours) in line with the national curriculum requirements. This year we have employed a gymnastics specialist (Melanie Edgeson) each Tuesday afternoon to teach each class on a rolling programme. Y1 and Y2 have also had an additional agility morning funded by the school at The Arena. If you feel that your child is not receiving 2 lessons of PE per week, on a regular basis, please let me know.

I am delighted that in the main children at this school are happy, feel safe, are well looked after, well taught and make good progress. It also pleases me that our Christian ethos shines through 100%.

Once again thank you for taking the time to respond to our Questionnaire. I am more than happy to listen to any concerns and comments (and compliments!) that you have – if I am in school I will always find time to see you.

	Yes	No	Unsure	Comments
My child is happy at this school.	99%		1%	My child's attitude has changed since starting at this school, we use to have tears at the other school – Very happy x8 - Extremely - Never wants to miss a day – My child has made new friends at school – Has not said once that she doesn't want to come to school.
My child feels safe at this school.	99%		1%	My child has to feel safe and trust adults in order for him to relax and participate and this has been evident from week 1 – for me this is the most important – Very safe.
My child makes good progress at this school.	97%	1%	2%	My child is making excellent progress x4 – We have noticed huge progression with learning as well as socially – Yes relatively, be nice to be more informed if ready to go up for reading books – we feel our child could be challenged further – Although I feel she could be stretched more – Our child has made super progress and is so keen to learn an environment boosted by the school – My child gets excellent help and support – It would be nice to see she had been heard read more often.
My child is well looked after at this school.	100%			Very well – My child feels very comfortable opening up to his teachers – Very caring staff, especially in Year R Classes
My child is taught well at this school.	100%			Excellent teachers – some concerns over number of different teachers used in Year2 – Our child has two teachers during the week which works amazingly well – Very well, excellent teacher.
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	86%	8%	6%	It would be nice to have more homework – Guided reading – Child eager to have more often other than reading – Would appreciate child specific areas to concentrate on at home – We do like the fact that there is not the pressure to complete it like next door, they are still only young children – Shouldn't have any at this age other than reading – Yes, no problems – Appropriate for age but often not ability – Sometimes not given stickers when hand homework in – Not regular enough – He would like more homework/worksheets to do at home – No spellings, no times tables no literacy and hardly any maths – Differentiated specific homework such as spellings would be good homework, if done should be rewarded, perhaps children doing over and above expectations might receive a certificate? – Infant children should not receive homework x 2 – we feel that the books he gets are either too easy or over repeated – Reception aren't given homework – Year 2 have received maths homework only on several occasions this year which does not prepare them for the transition to the homework they receive in year 3.
Our school makes sure that its pupils are well behaved.	99%	1%		Excellent standards – I feel the well behaved children are punished when made to sit with children that are misbehaving instead of being allowed to sit with their friends – My daughter is very aware of the school rules – My child is disciplined similar at home and school which helps at home – Responds well to the use of praise and rewards used – Clear boundaries are set and put into

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				practice at Bishop Tufnell.
Our school deals effectively with bullying.	81%		19%	Yes, my answer is based on school policy as have no experience – No dealings with bullying so far – It does, but some issues at playtime go unnoticed – No knowledge or experience of it in school – I have limited knowledge of any cases – we have no experience of this but would imagine yes – I haven't been made aware of any issues in this area – Not experienced anything as teachers always deal with any negative behaviour straight away – Must do! Haven't had any problems with it – No experience of this x12 – No concerns.
Our school is well led and managed.	99%		1%	Mrs Appleby is <u>FANTASTIC</u> - Good teachers and a brilliant head teacher – Mrs Appleby is very approachable – Mrs Appleby is a superb head teacher with a good relationship with children, staff and parents. Hats off Mrs A there are some tricky parents out there – Very well managed – Mrs Appleby is outstanding in every way what a role model – Always nice to see Mrs Appleby on the gate in the morning – Communications with parents is often at short notice (whole school and class letters)
Our school responds well to any concerns that I raise.	94%	1%	5%	No concerns raised – I have not had any concerns x2 – I made a teacher aware of a problem and she made me feel the size of an ant – My main concern is the black marker pens used, as they still don't wash out! – Sometimes an individual needs to be spoken to rather than a situation generalised, well behaved children can take this personally – Teachers respond quickly to concerns and resolve issues well.
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	95%	2%	3%	Not very specific info given – I am not always able to attend drop ins so I would appreciate more feedback in paper form in book bag where appropriate – More information however informal is always helpful – so so, I feel there should be a little more but ok – Need to be told if pupils are struggling in certain things without finding out for the children – would be good to have some later parents evenings for parents who work full time – Would like to know a little more about how my child is doing as they don't tell parents much x2 – Only at parents evening and the red reading book.
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	98%	2%		Most definitely x2 – I have already recommended it – Definitely – Already have – Have recommended it to many parents in the nursery I work in – I have x2 – Yes highly recommended – I think BTI is an excellent school.
The schools values and attitudes have a positive effect on my child.	98%	1%	1%	What Mrs Leslie says goes at home! – Very positive – Reinforce our own values rather than noticing a change – The staff have a positive effect on my child however the behaviour of other children and some parents who do not follow the school rules do not and encourage others to do the same.

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The Christian ethos and distinctiveness is evident at our school.	100%			This is what attracted me to the school, one of the reasons – The Christian ethos is why we chose the school – Very evident – Often seems to come above other curriculum areas unnecessarily when there are weaknesses that may need to be addressed i.e no time for PE, but worship and assembly on a Friday – Very much so – Whilst our family are not religious, the values are positive – Very evident which I consider is on the borderline of Catholic church.
Our school encourages pupils to adopt a healthy lifestyle.	97%	1%	2%	Sometimes PE is forgotten about – I feel some lunch box rules are a little strict! – I disagree with being told what I can and cannot put in a lunchtime – Yes, although the ban on ‘Marmite’ is a step too far, I understand nuts and eggs, but I have never heard of ‘Marmite’ being banned! We know children have allergies but if it were my child I wouldn’t expect all other children to be banned from having it, how far do we go? – I don’t believe PE takes a big enough priority in school.
Our school is strong in regard to its Church ethos.	100%			Exceptionally strong – Its very strong which I don’t disagree with but do feel it’s very borderline with the catholic church teachings
There is a good range of clubs after school.	79%	7%	13%	There are no after school clubs that you don’t have to pay for – Only one choice per day and these are from outside the school and therefore are quite expensive, more free clubs would be lovely –Need to offer more choice and for reception year – Could be more – I think compared to other schools the range of clubs offered is poor – Not enough clubs for reception children x 11 – My child loves his afternoon clubs and loves the variety, I understand there is more as they grow – very good range – Yr R so not much yet — Not had any info about after school clubs – Unknown due to childcare arrangements – I would like to see Gymnastics for girls and boys added to after school club – I don’t feel they are publicised very well — It would be nice to see a drama club and regular craft club.