25th February 2016

Dear Parents,

So, it’s been just over a year since we had the leadership restructure at Fairfield. The time has flown by!

A year ago, we sent out a parental questionnaire so we could find out which aspects of Fairfield you thought were great and which aspects you felt needed improvement. The main areas that parents felt we needed to improve on was consistency of good teachers, more extra-curricular clubs and parents who felt that they are listened to and any issues were going to be dealt with effectively.

I would hope that parents feel that we have done considerable work in these areas;

- No teacher at Fairfield is now graded less than ‘very good’ and we have additional teachers in the school taking intervention groups.
- We have a super range of extra-curriculum clubs which naturally increase as the pupils get older. We have far more sports clubs but also have clubs in other areas, such as a year 6 grammar and punctuation club, cookery club, Maths GLAM club & Makaton club
- Any issues brought to mine or Mr Tuckwell’s attention are dealt with as effectively as possible.

We have all made huge steps forward with tackling behaviour, ensuring standards of pupils’ work continue to rise, introducing mid-year parent’s reports at the February parent’s evenings and making Fairfield a bright and happy school. Our SATs marks in 2015 were by far the best that the school has ever had and that’s down to the staff, the pupils and your hard work. I always feel that the small things can mean so much and aspects such as not charging parents for watching their child’s performances and introducing competitive races for the Sports Day may only be small things but I feel they can speak volumes for us all.

But! (there’s always a ‘But!’), we know we have more to do to make this school the very best it can be and rest assured, we are all working very hard to do this.

Overleaf is a questionnaire that we’d really appreciate you completing and returning to the school office by Friday 18th March. If you want to put your name on it, we’re happy to have a chat about any particular points you may want to discuss.

As always, thanks for your continued support,

Tim Sutcliffe          Mark Tuckwell  
Executive Head        Head of School