

## **In response to the end of year questionnaires “I wish Earlsfield Primary School would . . .” we have tried to answer as many of your queries as possible.**

**Start a French club** This has been addressed and outlined in the clubs list sent home on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September

**Have ballet classes** We have looked into this on two separate occasions. As the companies involved would only run classes for each specific year group the level of demand was insufficient and cost were high.

**Have more numeracy workshops for parents so they can help their children at home** More are planned this year including regular drop in sessions. We will let you know about these shortly.

**Reduce homework** We hope that this was addressed in the newsletter dated Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The new homework policy is available from Reception It is a contentious issue however as some parents are happy with the amount set and some want more. With the new policy we have tried to find the middle ground.

**Have more after school clubs for KS1** As we have indicated previously it is not easy to find quality providers. We have however added 4 more clubs for Key Stage 1 this year.

**Have bike racks installed and make a place to leave their scooters** Bike and scooter racks have been delivered and should be installed shortly.

**Provide personalised advice for secondary school transfer** This has always been on offer. At the parents meeting and in the letters sent out to Year 6 parents individual meetings are offered.

**Introduce woodwind music lessons** We have introduced recorder and drums for year 3 this year, year 4 will learn the trumpet and we also have continuation classes in trumpet for Years 5 and 6. We may look to pursue this through the individual tuition that is offered but have no plans to introduce it to the curriculum at this point.

**Offer cheer leading for younger pupils** We are aware that this is very popular but as this is led by a teacher it would be unreasonable to ask her to do two clubs in a week.

**Give parents more info when children are chosen for special activities such as Tate Modern** Acknowledged

**Provide Halal food choices** Currently this is not something that is widely on offer but we are looking at the stance of other local schools.

**Provide more vegetarian choices** The menu is designed by Harrisons catering and the council as it is a council contract. They deem the menu on offer to offer sufficient variety.

**Recycle more e.g. at summer fair** We hope the summary of the school improvement plan sent home on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> addresses this.

**Organise cycle safety training** Currently we are only able to organise this for a group of year 6 children. We are keen to extend this but the resources on offer from the council don't make it possible.

**Realise it's a good school and blow its own trumpet more** We'll try!

**Would get an “outstanding” Ofsted report-you deserve it!** We'll do our best as always!

**Get more actively involved in “green” issues and sustainability** We hope the summary of the school improvement plan sent home on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> addresses this.

**Change reading books more regularly**

This was discussed with teachers on the Inset Day

**Provide clearer feedback on the quality of the homework** Homework books will be part of the school monitoring cycle this year.

**Have more opportunities for parents to speak to teachers** As ever, teachers are always available to meet parents with any concerns. Unfortunately, the beginning and the end of the day isn't always the best time so it may be best to make an appointment.

**Have a “lollipop” person in Tranmere Road in the mornings**

We would dearly love this to happen and we have requested this a number of times in the last ten years and held various discussions. We have also asked for traffic calming measures as the situation concerns us as much as it does you.

**Have self esteem workshops** This is already undertaken by the Learning Mentor with identified children and promoted within class. Teachers undertake work in circle time with the whole class.

**Have children coming out of school on time at the end of the day** This has always been an issue. Sometimes year groups are late and there is no excuse for that but we also need to remember that there are limited exit points and high volumes of children on the stairs. We also have to be aware that children need to work to as near to 3:15pm as possible otherwise it cuts into teaching time and we do not meet the demands of the curriculum

**12 parents indicated that they have seen the impact of the school's investment in ICT equipment on their child's learning only some of the time.** A lot of time last year was devoted in newsletters to developments in ICT such as the apple macs, work with the CLC and the website extension. In addition we also had e safety awareness training for parents and children and an ICT evening for parents to make them aware of the resources on offer in school. Films were also shown at parents evening and ICT used as a resource in many class and school productions.

**20 parents felt that there is a good range of after school activities that their child could choose from only some of the time.** We have tried to address this further this year but would also like to acknowledge the fact that a number of teachers and support staff gave up their time last year to run clubs and in numerous newsletters we acknowledged the fact the we were having difficulty in identifying external providers. As ever, if any parents can be of any help we would be most grateful.