

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Prior to Christmas you will recall that we sent out a questionnaire to all Parents and Carers to support our evaluation of the school. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaires, we really do appreciate your feedback and opinions. It was lovely to hear your positive comments about what you feel we are doing well and we are also grateful to those of you who suggested ways in which we could further improve.

Along with this letter you will receive a presentation with shows all the responses we received for all of the questions. On slides 25 and 26 we have produced a 'You Said, Our Response' table with regard to the areas in which you feel we could improve as a school. For your convenience we have also included this below so you can see what action we are proposing where necessary. The full presentation can also be found on the school website <https://www.athersleysouth-primary.co.uk/letters-home.html>

Parents/Carers Said They Would Like...	ASPS Response
More involvement with the town and community, town hall... day trips in the local area . More school trips.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We too value school visits and aim for all children to participate in at least one educational visit off site a year. With ongoing huge rises in costs, particularly in relation to coach hire, we have to be mindful of the implications for school and yourselves and ensure value for money. As an example, to hire one coach, just to Barnsley, is around £300.</li> <li>In addition to educational visits off site, we do also look to bring visitors into school to enhance childrens' learning. This has included both Florence Nightingale and Guy Fawkes visiting and in the Spring Y5/6 are currently arranging for a themed day, with an external visitor, linked to their topic which will bring their learning to life.</li> </ul>
Not let the reception phone ring and ring, have someone to answer phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We appreciate the frustration if your call to school is not answered immediately. If the phone is not answered swiftly, it is likely because the office team are dealing with someone in reception, or with a child. Please be aware that, depending on the nature of your call, you can leave a message and/or email the school admin address <a href="mailto:athersleysouthadmin@ecmtrust.co.uk">athersleysouthadmin@ecmtrust.co.uk</a> and someone will get back to you.</li> </ul>
It would be lovely to know what my child is learning about termly such as what they are working on in maths, what they are 'finding out' about in Geography or their topic. Also at parents evening it would have been nice to see some of my child's written/maths or art work ???So we can see progression.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each term we send out a curriculum newsletter that gives information about the term ahead and what areas of each subject will be covered. The next one will be sent out in January 2024.</li> <li>We are currently finalising plans to invite you into school during the Spring Term for a Shared Learning' event when you will be able to join your child in class for a session. This will enable you to see their work first hand. We will also look to take on board your feedback and have your child's books available at our next Parents Evening.</li> </ul>

Curriculum should include educating everyday living such as climate change, basic in saving, politics, culture and literature, more in what is happening now, historical moments in last 50 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have a broad and balanced curriculum in line with National Curriculum guidance. These areas are covered in an age appropriate way within the curriculum.</li> </ul>
More after school clubs for the younger children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We seek to offer a range of clubs for across all age groups, working with the staff we have available to deliver the activities. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to offer clubs for all age groups each day, so try to offer a balance.</li> </ul>
It would be nice to have more opportunities for parents to get involved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are pleased that a number of Parents and Carers are now accessing our library club on a Thursday. As stated above, we are also looking to hold a Shared Learning' session in school to allow Parents and Carers to experience first hand their child's learning environment and expectations. At any time you can share with us your thoughts and ideas about how you would like to get involved, we would like to hear your ideas.</li> </ul>
The newsletter is very similar every month, there is not enough child celebration. There is not enough shared about what is happening in individual classes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our monthly newsletter is intended to be a summary of what is happening in school and a helpful reminder of events that are coming up. If you access the class blogs on the website <a href="https://www.athersleysouth-primary.co.uk/">https://www.athersleysouth-primary.co.uk/</a> you can see what individual classes have been doing.</li> </ul>
Finding an easier way of keeping parents updated with their children activities on a daily basics, including photos and movie clips. Update website with pictures of what they do in class more if good pieces of work Tapestry for all school years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As stated above, our class blogs give some examples of what is happening in each class. Moving forward, we are currently investigating the use of an online system that will allow us as a school to have more direct content with yourselves, to celebrate personal successes, achievements and share photos. We are hoping to launch this in Spring 2024. Watch this space!</li> </ul>

Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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