

St Martin's Church of England Primary School

'Learning together, achieving together'



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents' Evenings are coming up next week which is an opportunity for us to celebrate your child's achievements, advise on targets for the future and work together to ensure your child is getting the best experience of school that they can.

We also want to take this opportunity to develop communication between school and home and sustain or improve the provision in school. We try as a leadership team to respond promptly to any constructive criticism or concerns raised and promote and praise our staff when they are commended.

Some areas where we have been given advice and responded below:

Comment – You said	Action - We did	Outcome
I am not clear what SEND support my child receives?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SEND parent workshops and 3 x coffee mornings to discuss with the SENDCO - Provision map set up with parent access so every parent can see their child's plan - Responding promptly to parent queries and meetings with SEND on request - New communication policy and flowchart sent to parents so they are aware of how best to contact school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better communication with all parents, including those of SEND pupils and peace of mind for parents - including Ping messages, weekly bulletins and newsletters.
Concerns from neighbours over parking around school and local cul-de-sacs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Senior leadership duties on gates daily to monitor pupil entry and parking - Contact with PCSO and increased visits - Regular reminders on newsletters and class bulletins to highlight the difficulties and concerns from neighbours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still some concerns from neighbours but we will continue to monitor and be present
How do we support more at home to improve communication and language because we do not speak English at home?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved our admission process to include gaining information on home language, entry date to country etc so we know what languages to communicate with - EAL (English as an additional language) training for all teaching staff - EAL assessments for pupils using Bell Foundation tools to assess needs - Using tools such as Google translate to translate useful documents and built into website - EAL pack in the home language for new admissions - Celebrations of culture and awareness of where pupils originate from on maps in the classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff awareness of parents' language has been raised - All classrooms have examples of pupil's language displayed to be inclusive - Scaffolding tools such as iPads used to translate lessons - Tools improved to support parents

"though many, we make up one" (1 Corinthians, 12:12)

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<p>Any extra homework to improve handwriting and spelling is welcomed.</p>	<p>- Each class has a range of homework throughout the year. Some regular, weekly set such as times tables and some projects - As EHT I am going to really promote a love of reading, and regular practise at home, as it is really diminishing and it's so important for all children to read regularly at home – or we can't do our job in school - Children have access to Spelling Shed at home and teachers set assignments for children to access at home</p>	<p>- Some parents love the projects and a chance to share learning with their children. Some find it challenging – please don't feel pressured to do it and do what you can that suits your family - Governors and staff have discussed a new approach to spellings and spelling test next year - Improvement this year in times tables knowledge (Year 4 government test results improved</p>
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We had some amazing responses to our written reports mid-year. Well done teachers and staff, lots of thanks from our community. We had 43% return on replies from the report slips and they were overwhelmingly positive – and no negative comments regarding the teaching and learning experiences of the children that's amazing. Examples below:

*We are very pleased with the progress ***** has made since starting school. Thank you. We are really pleased with ***** report. It is great to see your positive comments. I am very proud of my son/ daughter. Thank you very much, we appreciate your involvement. Only good words for the school. I am really pleased with *** report. She really does try her best in everything she does. I just want to thank you for your time, effort and support! I am really proud of this report, I know *** is too. Well done *** - we will keep practising his writing. Super proud. Thank you for nurturing her. We hope she continues in this way. We are pleased with *** progress and see vast improvements in his confidence.... We will continue to support him. An amazing report. Thank you for all your support. *** is really enjoying Year 6. The report is accurate - an amazing, personal and detailed report. We agree with his targets to fully show his capabilities. We are delighted with this wonderful school report, *** has developed a love of reading and enjoys sharing his learning outside of school... We are proud of ***performance with dance club and in the poetry competition and hope he continues to grow in confidence. Well done to the class teacher and everyone who contributed to *** report.*

We would love to capitalise on all this great feedback and at Parents' Evening we will provide you with a QR code that you can access a Parent Questionnaire online. We hope to build on this positive vibe but we are also grateful for any constructive comments for anything that we can improve in the areas we have control over.

By having clear and effective communication we can make St Martin's the best school for the pupils, parents, teachers and the whole community now and in the future.

Looking forward to seeing you next week at Parents' Evenings.

Kindest regards,

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