



19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those who took part in the **recent parent** survey. We had 191 responses which was great. We have reviewed the results and would like to share with you some key successes and key ways forward.

### 2023

This year, these are some of the things you told us we are doing well:

- Making sure your child is happy at school and that they feel safe.
- Making you aware of what your child will learn during the year.
- Making sure your child does well at this school.

This year, these are the things you would like to see improve:

Your part in school life - your 'agency'

- **We will create more opportunities for your voice to be heard and have an impact on what we do.**  
We will continue to offer parent workshops which provide parents and carers with a greater understanding of core curriculum subjects and ideas about how you can support your children's learning and well-being. We will also use these events as an opportunity to discuss how well we are doing overall and get your thoughts on how we could be even better. We are also thinking carefully about the amount of information parents receive via the Arbor app and we will ensure we plan activities such as trips, parent sessions and events with plenty of notice whenever possible.
- **Some parents and caregivers feel the school does not always have high expectations for my child.**  
We aimed to improve this by discussing attainment and progress in both the autumn and spring parents' evenings. In all correspondence, lessons and assemblies we will use the language of high expectations, and explain what we mean in each instance, to make it explicit that we have very high expectations for our children here at Sidmouth.
- **Some parents and caregivers feel the school does not always let them know how their child is doing.**  
We have two parents' evenings, one in the autumn term and one in the spring term and this is when we would normally discuss how children are doing. Last year we introduced a new end of year report format and during parents' evenings we now share a one page version of this report with you so you have a clear picture of how your child is doing in the core subjects. We award weekly Learning Muscles certificates and we are investigating using Class Dojo as a way of communicating successes with you. We also use the school twitter account to celebrate success.

We will continue to send out our weekly newsletter which we hope is helpful for you. We'd be pleased to hear your thoughts on this. We will update you on the progress we are making and invite you to give us more feedback at a later date.

Yours sincerely

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