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Dear Parents,

Please find attached a summary of responses we had to our parent survey.

In 2016 54% of our parents responded to our survey. This is down on previous years but in keeping with the national trend. Thank you to all those who did respond.

Two questions raise disagreements: -

- Q.8 - Parents are encouraged to play an active part in the life of the school.
- Q.14 - The school provides an interesting range of activities, clubs and sports outside of lessons.

In response to Question 8 - we do appreciate it is difficult for parents who work to play an active part in the life of the school.

Two factors need to be taken into consideration here:

1. The attendance at events when staff are giving up their preparation and family time. In the past we have put events on in the evenings and at weekends, three examples being the Chocolate Bingo (Saturday Afternoon), Fair (Sunday Afternoon) and the Beauty evening (Friday evening), these were enjoyed by those who attended but the turnout was very poor.
2. Secondly when we run events for the children we want them all to experience the events and family life seems to be so busy that many children who really enjoy events are not able to attend.

With regard to Question 14 - As a small school we try to provide a wide range of clubs and sports outside of lesson time.

This year we have offered a P.E. club every term; other clubs have been organised cookery, Christmas crafts and First Aid. In school time we offer gardening and homework club.

Our clubs are often run by volunteers. When they are not we have budgetary constraints to consider and charges we make for them.

In School Council meetings the children said they like events to take place during the school day.

Clubs are offered to Class 2 children with the exception of the Christmas Crafts Club, because younger children find the school day long enough. Many of our children travel to school on transport, so a seven hour day or more when you are 4 or 5 years old we feel is sufficient.

If you wish to discuss any of the points made please do.

With Best Wishes

*Mrs H Davey*