



# Hazlehurst Community Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our recent 'Easter Art Eggs-hibition' such a big success. The creative talent in Hazlehurst is amazing! There are lots of photos on the school website for you to enjoy.

All the orders for our Spring Plant Sale have been sent off to the supplier and the delivery is due on 12 May. Volunteers are needed to pack all the orders on the same afternoon, ready for collection at 3.30 pm. If you can help, please let us know.



Our next event is the **Family Fun Night** on Friday 21 April from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Tickets are on sale from the school office. I am sure it will be great fun!

Thank you for all the constructive comments and helpful suggestions that we received as part of our consultation about **School Development Planning**. There were 45 replies from 154 families, which is 22 fewer than last year, and means that we have a large, silent majority!

From those who replied, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. The vast majority of parents said the thing they valued most was that the staff are 'approachable and friendly' and that there is a 'family atmosphere'. I could not agree more and I am grateful to the staff for all that they do to make children's well-being our top priority.

The highest scoring comments in the questionnaire were;

- My child makes good progress at this school (96% strongly agree / agree – 44 out of 45 replies),
- The school is well led and managed (96%)
- I would recommend this school to another parent (96%)
- My child feels safe and happy at this school (92%)
- My child is well looked after at this school (92%), and
- This school ensures the pupils are well behaved (92%)



The replies show an increased approval rating, compared to last year, for the information that the school provides about children's progress, which is good to hear.

Once again, the area which divides opinion the most is Homework, with 78% of parents happy with their children's homework and 22% hoping for a change. This issue came up last year and we revised the school policy to try to make homework more accessible and enjoyable for as many children as possible. It appears that a significant minority of parents do not like 'topic based' homework and find it harder to organise at home; they would prefer 'skills and drills' to practise concepts taught in class, using worksheets, with a short turn-around time. It is always interesting to get your feedback and we will continue to explore the alternatives, but I am afraid we will never please everyone on this issue!

As you know, PE and Sport are very important at Hazlehurst. Every child has a minimum of 2 hours of PE per week and there are lots of sports' clubs after school during the year, including badminton club & team, boys' football club & team, girls' football and netball activities & teams, cricket club & team, swimming tuition (Y4), dance club, plus many more! Nearly all of the teachers, and many of the support staff, are involved in providing sports activities outside school hours; they are not paid for these activities and I am grateful that they give up their time so that the children can be healthy and active, and develop a



long-term interest in physical activities. Our single limitation is that we only have one school hall, and if the weather is bad we need to move inside, which means we can only run one sports club per day. Most (but not all) of our clubs are aimed at Key Stage 2 children, which means everyone's turn will come round in the end. Many other clubs are also on offer during the year for activities other than sport – so hopefully there is something for everyone!

Dates for your Diary

Tue 18 April	School re-opens
9.00 am Tue 18 April	SEN Parent to Parent Network Meeting
Fri 21 April – 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm	Family Fun Night
Thur 4 May	Election Day – school closed
Fri 19 May – from 6.00 pm	Family Treasure Hunt
Thur 25 May	Sports' Day – Infants AM, Juniors PM
Sat 24 June – 2.00 pm	Summer Fair
Thur 6 July 2.30 pm and 7.00 pm	Y3 & Y4 Summer Concert
Thur 13 July 2.30 pm and 7.00 pm	Y5 & Y6 Summer Concert



Provisional dates for Wednesday morning Class Assemblies this term are as follows: -  
Y5 – 26 April, Y4 – 3 May, Y3 – 10 May, Y1 – 17 May, Rec – 24 May, Y2 - 14 June,  
Y6 (Leavers' Assembly) – Friday 21 July,

You are most welcome to attend! Please check the school website to confirm the date a few days before the assembly.

Year 6 SATs will take place in the week beginning 8 May. Full attendance during this week is very important.

On behalf of all the staff I wish you all a very happy and relaxing Easter holiday. Remember that school will be closing a little earlier tomorrow, at 3.00 pm. Hazles is open from 3.00 pm.

Yours sincerely,

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