

## Radley CE Primary School & Foundation Stage Unit

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Dear Parents,

## **Update from the School Governors**

Thank you to everyone who completed the annual parent survey last term.

The results have told us once again that the majority of you believe your children are happy at school, they are taught well and that you would recommend our school to other parents.

We are very proud of all the staff who continue to work so hard to make sure your children get the most out of their time at Radley Primary. These comments are typical of what you told us you like most about the school:

"It feels like a family. It is a caring and supportive school where every child matters."

"Small, warm, friendly, aspiring to achieve great things."

"Small, friendly, family feel. The staff work hard to ensure all children are happy and taught well."

The number of children at the school has grown by 40% in the last year. It's great to hear that despite the rapid growth, many parents feel the school has maintained its community feel. It's definitely a key strength of the school and is something we are keen to protect as the school continues to grow.

We know from your responses that communication remains an area to be improved. As you may have seen in a recent newsletter, the school will soon be using the Arbor app for all communications - including payments, club bookings, school lunches and all messages. More information will be sent about this in due course as the contracts with the existing apps come to a close.

Pupil behaviour was also mentioned by some of you as an area to improve. The school has recently implemented a new behaviour policy - which you can view on the school website. Mrs Thomas has also shared more about this in recent newsletters, which you can read <a href="here">here</a>. We appreciate your understanding and support with these changes as they become more embedded throughout the school.

You may be aware of the current pressures on school budgets, as a result of increasing costs without the central funding to match. As a small and growing school, we are impacted by this even further. As governors, we work very closely with the school leadership team to ensure that the impact on the children is minimised.

We are very grateful for the fantastic fundraising efforts of the Friends of Radley Primary School (FoRPs), and appreciate all the support the community has given us. If you're able to give us your time, please get in touch - we know the school would appreciate more volunteers to help out with lunchtime duties, or to listen to children reading.

And finally, we've recently updated the governors' page on the school website, to give you more information about what we do and how we work. We enjoyed meeting some of you at the recent parents' evenings, and thank you for taking the time to talk to us.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,

Radley CE Primary School governors