



Kentisbeare C of E Primary School
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are having increasing problems and arguments caused by children bringing in toys to school. Please can ALL parents ensure that their children **DO NOT bring in any toys** to school, in particular the Go-Gos and Littlest Petshop Toys that many children are currently bringing in. The children have been told that ANY toys brought into school will be confiscated until the end of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation.

Water Bottles

Reminder – All children should have a water bottle in school each day. We have had quite a few children coming to the office to see if they are able to borrow them, unfortunately we are not able to lend them out. Water bottles are available to buy in the school office at £1.50 each.

Blue Class Swimming

Please note that the week after half term Blue Class will be swimming on Tuesday 23rd February instead of Thursday 25th February, this is because we are unable to use the pool.

Parent Elections

All ballot papers need to be returned to the School Office by 9am Monday 8th February.

Culm Valley Learning Community

Over the February half term the Culm Valley Learning Community are running a great list of holiday clubs which includes:- Exeter City Football Club, Popstars Academy, Forestry Day, Break Dance and many more. If you are interested in booking your child into any of these wonderful events please ask in the School Office for a copy of the clubs and booking forms (All bookings will need to go direct to Lisa Batten at Cullompton Community College).

St.Mary's Church, Kentisbeare

On Monday Mornings, St. Mary's Church will be having an informal and short service with prayer time which lasts for 20-30 minutes, starting at 9am. All very welcome.

Sunday 7th February at 3pm, St. Mary's Church are having a special service for Farm Network Crisis Charity. Teas will be served in the village hall afterwards. Everyone is invited.

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Responses from the Questionnaire for Parents – Autumn Term 2009

Whole School	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
My child settled in well when they started school and the arrangements were good.	(63%)	(30%)	(4%)	0	(3%)
I am able to speak to a senior member of staff if I need to.	(66%)	(32%)	(1%)	0	(1%)
The homework system is clear and my child receives a manageable amount of homework.	(46%)	(46%)	(2%)	(2%)	(4%)
My child is given the opportunity to take part in a wide range of interesting enjoyable activities .	(62%)	(34%)	(4%)	0	0
My child enjoys school.	(66%)	(30%)	(1%)	0	(3%)
The discipline in school is consistent .	(40%)	(37%)	(8%)	(1%)	(14%)
I get information about the progress of my child in school.	(37%)	(58%)	(4%)	0	(1%)
There are opportunities for parents to be involved with the school if they want to be.	(57%)	(42%)	0	0	(1%)
There is a range of healthy food for school dinner so that my child is well nourished .	(44%)	(42%)	(3%)	0	(11%)
There are high expectations for my child to work hard and to do their best .	(39%)	(54%)	(3%)	(1%)	(3%)
I am happy about the quality of education my child receives.	(51%)	(47%)	(2%)	0	0
There is a range of after school activities if my child wants to attend.	(56%)	(32%)	(6%)	0	(6%)

79 returns out of 150 questionnaires sent out (53% returned). Percentages based on the 79 returned.

Dear Parents/Carers

Many thanks to those of you who returned the questionnaires last term. All responses were collated and findings are as above. We are pleased to see that responses are very positive. Where some aspects raised concerns the school has taken note and will include in the plans for school improvement. We are already reviewing and revising the school Positive Behaviour Policy and will ensure all are familiar with procedures. When agreed by the school governors the new policy will be made available to all parents via the school website or a hard copy on request.

Thank you again for your time and it was reassuring to read all the positive comments about the things we do well and the constructive suggestions on how we can make Kentisbeare School even better.

Yours sincerely

Tracey Hailey

On behalf of all the staff and Governors of Kentisbeare C of E Primary School