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School*

**Newsletter**  
**Weather Warning/School Closures**  
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**CIRCULATION: FAMILY**

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## **Potted Sports**

Our Potted Sports will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May. For families who have not seen this before this is a whole school sports event which lasts all morning until 12 pm. We are looking for helpers for some of the events to count scores for the teams. Please let us know if you can help so we know if this event can go ahead. We made a request in the last newsletter and so far we only have 6 parents who have offered to help. Without more support we will have to cancel this event. Please get in touch with the school office. We can arrange a rota so no one gets stuck on a game and can still see many of the events.

## **Questionnaires**

We realise that sending home questionnaires is not successful. Often these papers do not make it out of schoolbags, either to you or back to us.

We have trialled giving out short surveys at recent assemblies as we get such a great turnout in the audience for every class. These surveys will help us to know what you feel we are doing well; what we need to change, and the other areas you would like us to have a closer look at.

If you would like a copy of the questionnaires, please let the Office know and we can send one home. There are also copies on the Parent Noticeboard at the front door on the way into school.

## **Feedback to Questionnaires**

Our recent surveys have asked questions about Spelling and Numeracy. Results for each show:

Spelling 28 surveys completed. All showed that the sounds or spellings that a child has to learn is made clear to parents. 20 replies informed us that school provides ideas for how to help children at home with their spelling. 13 parents said they would like more information about the teaching of spelling while 15 parents did not want this. 26 replies agreed that links to spelling resources and games on the school website would be useful.

In many classes weekly spelling tests are carried out at the back of homework jotters. This allows you to see your child's score and any words they may have got wrong. In the younger classes teachers provide the spelling score and note for you any words where there were errors.

Numeracy 23 surveys completed. 19 replies showed that school provides information on which number bonds/multiplication facts children need to learn. Only 8 parents were aware that our school website has parent prompts to support children with numeracy at Early, First or Second level. There were positive additional comments made about the use of Sumdog, the computer programme, to support mental numeracy at home.

On Parents' Evenings we had 81 replies about our new-style Continuous Progress Reports. These were all very positive and in 75 cases had been used to talk at home about the child's learning. Updated reports will be sent home during the course of this term.

### **Diary Dates**

**School Closed** - 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> May

**Potted Sports** 15<sup>th</sup> May - 9.15 am (if we get enough helpers)

**In-service days** - 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May. **School closed for pupils**

**P1 - 3 Sports** - 11<sup>th</sup> June (back up day Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>)

**P4 - 7 Sports** - 12<sup>th</sup> June (back up day Monday 18<sup>th</sup>)

**Church** - 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Last day of term** - 29<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm for all.