



## Parent Questionnaire – January 2017 Results

**Box 1 shows the highest level of satisfaction and box 4 shows dissatisfaction.**

Percentages rounded to the nearest %

Question	1 Highly Satisfied	2 Good	3 Satisfied	4 Needs Improvem ent	N/A	DON'T KNOW
My child is happy at school.	66%	27%				
The school encourages children to care for each other and develop a sense of responsibility.	72%	21%				
I believe my child is making good progress.	60%	24%	9%			
School is a friendly and welcoming place.	72%	21%				
Children's behaviour is good.	66%	27%				
I believe my child is taught well.	72%	15%	6%			
Staff are friendly, approachable and helpful.	66%	24%	3%			
Staff expect my child to work hard.	69%	18%	9%		3%	
The school is well led and managed.	66%	24%	3%			
School provides interesting and appropriate homework for their age.	51%	27%	6%		9%	
Staff encourage my child to become mature, independent and self-confident.	63%	27%	3%			
The school takes good care of my child.	69%	18%	6%			
The school provides good sports provision (competitions/extracurricular/PE)	57%	24%	3%	6%		3%
The school keeps me well informed (through the Shuttle, Facebook, Twitter, letters, meetings, phone calls and texting/emailing service)	63%	24%	3%	3%		
The prospectus available to parents (available on the school website – <a href="http://www.thurstoneprimary.co.uk">www.thurstoneprimary.co.uk</a> ) is useful and informative.	36%	24%	3%	4%	9%	15%
The school provides good facilities both indoors and outdoors (allotment, Nature Garden, playground, Ipads, computers etc)	57%	33%	3%			

**Many thanks for all you high praise and suggestions for the future! Your comments are all valuable to us and help us to make the school a better place. I'm so pleased to read that so many of you love the new building – it was a long slog, but all the building work and additional stress for the staff was worth it in the end. We now have all the space we need, all the toilets we need, fab new classrooms and possibly the best school library in the whole world! Many thanks to you all for your patience and understanding during what was a difficult time. It's also wonderful that so few of you feel that we need to improve in the areas raised in the questionnaire: I'm sure you'll all agree that it's very hard (if not impossible!) to please everyone, but it seems we're doing a pretty good job of keeping the vast majority of you happy!**

**We're also happy to read that the Christmas Concerts were so popular and enjoyed by you all.**

**Below are your comment and a summary of what you would like us to do to make the school even better. Some ideas were specific to individual classes, so those have been passed to class teachers for consideration. General comments have been summarised below and our comments have been added in response. The results of the questionnaire will also form the basis of a discussion at one of our staff meetings.**

**Once again – many thanks for the time you spent completing the form!**

Mrs Gibbins

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**What has been the highlight of the year so far?**

**What do you think we do well?**

**YOUR RESPONSES:**

*Seeing the new build complete*

*Groovy Greek Topic.*

*Enjoyed having a two week half term – it gave the children a good break.*

*Class Dojo is brilliant – great that we can send messages and share photos and info.*

*We think you do most things well and that it's a very good school.*

*The opening of the new classrooms and library*

*The Christmas concert.*

*My child has settled really well and is very happy at school – thanks to all the staff.*

*The Buddy System and the Nativity play.*

*My child used to hate nursery, however he loves school and constantly talks about his peers and teachers. He's making excellent progress and is more confident.*

*Seeing how happy everyone is with the new library, classrooms and other spaces in school. The Nativity was lovely. Golden Time is a really good reward for the children at the end of the week.*

*Special Mentions. The concert.*

*My child always comes home happy and enthused by her school work.*

*You teach children to be independent.*

*New building is fab.*

*The staff are wonderful.*

*Communication is great.*

*Displays of work in school look great.*

*The building work and amazing new classrooms and spaces.*

*Kingswood was a great experience.*

*Approachable and friendly staff – easily accessible for parents and a nurturing environment.*

*School trips to cinema, Young Voices, cheerleading etc – great experiences for children.*

*The Christmas concert is always a highlight!*

*Cannot praise the school enough. It is very well led and the teaching is outstanding! I also think it's great that children are encouraged to be well mannered and kind. Well done Thurlstone Primary!*

*Our child understanding his letters and phonics so well.*

*Making school a 'happy place' – can I come back!?*

*The new school extension. All the children appear very happy and do well.*

*You encourage independence and value polite, well-mannered behaviour. The balance of fun and education is spot on.*

*All staff seem positive and full of energy which creates a happy environment.*

*We are delighted with our child's progress in her reading.  
Another highlight was the school Nativity – the children were all brilliant! We think that you do everything well and our child loves school which to us is the most important thing – thank you!  
The new school building looks amazing!  
I couldn't be happier with my child's transition into school. The Buddy System works really well and means that younger children are not intimidated by the older ones. My child loves school!  
Really loved both the concerts. The new extension is great – especially the library.  
The concerts were fabulous – as usual!  
The new building is warm, open, bright and a great addition to the school.  
Cheerleading success down to students and staff hard work.  
The building work will provide a much better learning environment for the children and they all love coming to school because of it already!  
My child's SEN provision is having a very positive effect and he is getting more confident.  
You know each child very well. I have been amazed at my child's progress in reading, the work is clearly tailored to her ability and she is thriving!  
Thank you for all the work that goes into planning and assessment!*

### **Do you have any ideas for the future?**

#### **Follows is a summary of your ideas:**

- **The development of the outdoor area** – Plans are in place to develop this area, starting in the spring. Some trees have been planted and more will be planted when the weather is better. We have had enough tree/shrubs for each child to plant (donated by The National Trust) and we can't wait to get cracking at making the outdoor area a fab place as well. We hope to involve the Scouts and Brownies and anyone who is keen to lend a hand! Please feel free to get in touch if you would like to help us!
- **Consider after school facilities:** Daisy Chains provides excellent after school provision. Please get in touch with them if you would like to know more.
- **Restrict parents bringing sweets/chocolate when it's children's birthdays:** This is a tricky one. We feel that because we try our best as a school to promote healthy lifestyles and fitness, the occasional treat is allowed. The message we try to get across is for everyone to have a balanced diet, where nothing is banned but so called 'naughty foods' can be eaten in moderation. I'm not sure restricting such treats would be a popular choice amongst parents but I'm happy to hear others views!
- **After school sports clubs for the little ones:** we currently have Mini Olympians and Disco Active. We try to provide all ages with some form of after school club but many providers don't cater for Reception age children.
- **School lunches could be more varied and there are too many sweet deserts:** Children can chose from hot meal choices, a jacket potato choice and a number of sandwich choices. There is also a salad bar. Hot puddings (such as sponge and custard type puddings) are restricted to three times a week. On the other days the children can chose from fruit or yogurt. We feel this is varied and the school meals service have to meet current sugar content and nutritional standards.
- **Tuck shop options should be healthy – there should be no crisps:** Tuck shop items are only selected if they have reduced sugar content or no added sugar. In a survey of parents undertaken in 2015, parents suggested that cracker type snacks would be welcome – that is why we introduced Mini Cheddars. We have never stocked crisps. Currently on offer we have Mini Babybels, fruit juice boxes, bread sticks, Mini Cheddars and Bear Yoyos. I will organise another survey for parents.
- **Receiving paper Shuttles seems a waste of paper:** We agree. From after half term we are going paperless!
- **More extra-curricular clubs:** We try to provide a good range of clubs, but we mostly rely on staff leading them out of the goodness of their hearts (they are not paid to do them). I am not prepared to impose this on them when the staff all work incredibly hard as it is.
- **Continue to provide opportunities for international/multicultural activities** – we will and plan to explore more ways for children to learn about the world outside Thurlstone.

Please don't feel that the only time you can express your views is when a questionnaire comes home – pop in and see me if you'd like to share your thoughts! Can't promise to always take action, but I'm always happy to listen!

Mrs Gibbins

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