



**Parent Questionnaire – November 2015
RESPONSES**

36 FORMS WERE RETURNED

Question	1 Highly Satisfied	2 Good	3 Satisfied	4 Needs Improvement	N/A	DON 'T KNOW
My child is happy at school.	22	10	4	-	-	-
The school encourages children to care for each other and develop a sense of responsibility.	21	14	1	-	-	-
I believe my child is making good progress.	20	10	4	1	-	-
School is a friendly and welcoming place.	23	12	1	-	-	-
Children's behaviour is good.	22	11	3	-	-	-
I believe my child is taught well.	25	9	2	-	-	-
Staff are friendly, approachable and helpful.	25	10	1	-	-	-
Staff expect my child to work hard.	24	10	2	-	-	-
The school is well led and managed.	25	8	3	-	-	-
School provides interesting and appropriate homework for their age.	20	12	4	-	-	-
Staff encourage my child to become mature, independent and self-confident.	24	10	2	-	-	-
The school takes good care of my child.	26	9	1	-	-	-
The school provides good sports provision? (competitions/extracurricular/PE)	19	13	2	-	-	1
The school keeps me well informed (through the Shuttle, website, Information Station, letters, meetings, phone calls and texting/emailing service)	22	12	2	-	-	-
The prospectus available to parents (available on the school website – www.thurlstoneprimary.co.uk) is useful and informative.	11	8	4	1	3	9
The school provides good facilities both indoors and outdoors (allotment, Nature Garden, playground, Ipads, computers etc)	18	11	5	-	-	1

What has been the highlight of the year so far?

What do you think we do well?

The Daily Mile and Walk to School initiative. PE lessons are (quite rightly) more about skills/hand/eye coordination, not stamina. I can definitely tell my children walk more quickly to school now!

Superb attention to detail tailoring interventions to children's needs. I am very confident my children are receiving high quality support.

My child's Special Mention.

Harvest Festival and the overall welcome we as a family, but especially my child, has had into class 1 and the whole school community. We love it! The Harvest Festival was lovely - great to the whole school together. Wonderful!

Treating each child as an individual.

Emphasising the importance of caring for each other, value of the month.

My child had a Special Mention which was lovely.

The school staff are very friendly and welcoming to students and parents. The presence of the headteacher in the playground in the morning before school is very good and makes the teachers seem approachable.

Buddy system.

Parent's Evening.

Online systems class 1 and class 5's Class Dojo app.

My boys are very happy at school.

The Harvest in the church – lovely to see all the children so well behaved and enjoying themselves.

My daughter really enjoys her new class and particularly science. She is always keen to talk about her science classes.

Handing out leaflets for the British Heart Foundation in Penistone and Kingswood.

Good academic achievement and the Daily Mile.

Harvest Festival – school always does a marvelous job of this. The Parent's evenings were also very informative.

Open and friendly environment.

Excellent parent's evening with clear information on progress and expectations.

Harvest was a happy and joyous occasion and enjoyed by my children.

Encouraging my child to learn and want to do her homework.

Great sporting opportunities with a clear focus on health and fitness.

The Harvest concert was extremely well organized. The Harvest crumble is a lovely idea and we enjoyed it very much. Thank you for all the work that went into it.

We are excited and pleased to see the future building plans for the school and we are sure it will offer many more opportunities for the children.

Daily Mile has been very well received.

No problems settling into school – an excellent start!

All the hard work that goes into the preparation for the Harvest Festival.

The teachers create a warm and friendly environment for the children – this means that the children are kind and friendly to each other and they seem to enjoy school.

Our child has settled really well into school and she loves going to school. We couldn't be happier. Everything about school seems positive!

Healthier options for Tuck shop.

Our child has just moved to Thurlstone Primary School and we have really impressed with the level of support offered to him and how far he has progressed in a short period.

Running club

News of the school's expansion which is very exciting and will massively improve facilities for the children

Class 4 trip to the local sculptor – very inspiring and good to see the school supporting local role models and achievements.

Good school ethos and care

Music lessons

I like the different forms of communication.

Do you have any ideas for the future?

Thanks very much for all your ideas and suggestions. All will be shared with staff and discussed. The following is a summary of your responses:

Not doing the Daily Mile in the rain as children are coming home wet- (we do try to ensure the children do their mile come rain or shine. Most classes do their mile towards the end of the day so they don't spend the rest of the day sweaty or wet. We do try to avoid doing the mile in very heavy rain, but I think the children really wanted to complete their mile in the rain on the day in question – we'll be using GoNoodle in class when it's really pouring down – why not have a look at the GoNoodle website? It's fab!)

Reduce the amount of paper children bring home (letters)- we'll do our best

Too much homework - this is a tricky one to get right for everyone, as everyone has their own ideas about homework. Some think there's too much, some would like more. Some think it's too easy, some think it's too hard. In the end we do what we think is best but if you are concerned about the amount of homework your child gets please come and see us for a chat.

A traditional Christmas Nativity - Key stage one always does a Nativity Christmas concert each year.

More play equipment - this would be great; however the school does not have enough money in the budget to buy expensive climbing equipment. The most recent addition to the playground cost £10,000 and was purchased via a successful lottery award bid.

More music lessons on offer - we rely on what Barnsley Music Service provides. If you have an instrument in mind that you would like your child to learn, please get in touch and we'll find out if it can be provided

An online payment system for dinner money and trips - services like this cost a lot of money; unfortunately it's not something we feel we can afford at the moment.

A Buddy system for new parents - what a nice idea - this is worth thinking more about! Thanks for the suggestion

Grammar school events on Mondays which is also the night for school after school clubs - the events at the Grammar school are planned and organized by Team Activ. We can do nothing about this and just have to fit in with their planned events..

Communication between staff is not always good – this surprises me, and without any specific examples I am unable to comment on this one.

CPR training for kids- something to look into.

Phasing in the Daily Mile more slowly for the youngest children – thanks for this feedback – it will certainly be discussed.

Not using sweets as rewards – this will also be discussed. Class of the Week winners only receive 1 sweet (a Maltesers or a Haribo) and Running club participants will now be receiving stickers and raisins as rewards.

Putting letters on the website – some letters do go on the website but putting all on would be very time consuming for us - but we'll see what we can do.

Coordinating insets days with the Grammar school – this will be discussed.

Improve the sporting events at PGS – this feedback will be shared with Team-Activ who plan and lead the events.

The allotment/Nature garden needs improvement – the school and community members do their best to maintain and use the allotment. Children have worked hard to plant and grow and are now tending to the allotment as a Golden Time activity. If any parents would like to help with the allotment please let us know.

More notice to parents relating to payments and items for Kingswood – we will do our best to improve this.

Thank you so much for your feedback. We love to hear the nice things you say about us and we always take your ideas and/or concerns seriously. We can't promise to act on all of your suggestions, but please be assured that this is usually because of budget restrictions rather than lack of willing!

We were quite surprised to see quite a low number of people highly satisfied with the school's sporting provision. I would welcome any ideas about how this could be improved so please feel free to pop in for a sporty chat!

We're so glad so many of you enjoyed the Harvest Concert – if you think *that* was good, just you wait for the Christmas ones!

Once again many thanks for your feedback – but please don't wait for a questionnaire to share your happy thoughts or concerns – I'm always around, so grab me for a chat in the playground or book to see me by phoning the office!