



## Parent Questionnaire – Oct 2013

### Your responses – 35 people returned their forms.

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

Question/Area for self-evaluation	1 Highly Satisfied	2 Good	3 Satisfied	4 Needs Improvement	DON'T KNOW/ NO RESPONSE
My child is happy at school.	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-
The school encourages children to care for each other and develop a sense of responsibility.	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-
I believe my child is making good progress.	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>
School is a friendly and welcoming place.	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>	-	-	-
Children's behaviour is good.	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	-
I believe my child is taught well.	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>
Staff are friendly, approachable and helpful with questions or problems.	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>
Staff expect my child to work hard.	<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	-	<b>2</b>
The school is well led and managed.	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-
Staff explain how I can help my child at home and provide appropriate homework for their age.	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	-
Staff encourage my child to become mature, independent and self-confident.	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-
The school takes good care of my child.	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-
The school keeps me well informed (through the Shuttle, website, Information Station, letters, meetings, phone calls and texting/emailing service) Communication is good.	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	-	-
The prospectus available to parents (available from the Information Station and on the school website – <a href="http://www.thurlstoneprimary.co.uk">www.thurlstoneprimary.co.uk</a> ) is useful and informative.	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	-	<b>3</b>
The school provides good facilities both indoors and outdoors (allotment, Nature Garden, playground etc)	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	-	<b>1</b>	-

**What do you like best about the school?****Your responses:**

*Friendly and well organised*

*The progress children are making is very good and teachers keep very high standards of levels and discipline*

*Each child is met where they are and the school is very responsive to individual needs.*

*It's a small friendly school with lovely facilities such as the allotment and chicken coup, nice play area etc. We also like the buddy system very much.*

*I like the facilities both indoors and outside.*

*I think the Shuttle is great.*

*My child looks forward to school and enjoys being there. The most important thing at this age is that children enjoy learning.*

*Lovely community friendly school. Good after-school clubs. I really like Special Mentions assembly. I think it's nice that children get recognised for their hard work and good behaviour.*

*Friendly atmosphere; sense of community; my child is very happy coming to school.*

*High level of teaching making sure that all children are making good progress.*

*My child says he loves P.E sessions.*

*Friendly, homely atmosphere.*

*The school has a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Children appear well behaved and courteous. I like the fact that children from different classes are encouraged to mix and socialize e.g. through the buddy system/teams/Golden Time.*

*Community feel – the children all know and look out for each other.*

*Friendly and inclusive. I like how the older children are encouraged to have younger buddies.*

*Staff commitment.*

*Well rounded approach to learning.*

*I like everything really. My child is having a good time and also shows much promise. Sports day was great!*

*A caring atmosphere and feeling of community.*

*The staff seem to know every child by name – I think that's fantastic and demonstrates what a close knit community the school is. I also think*

*Special Mentions assemblies are a brilliant way to recognise and celebrate pupils' success.*

*Learning facilities, friendliness of staff and school.*

*We like the friendly atmosphere and that our child is very happy here.*

*Everyone is very welcoming and friendly. There is a great community spirit. Equal emphasis placed on academic, art and sporting ability*

*It is a fun environment and it enables my child to develop independence and self-confidence. The signs up around the school about kind things to do for others and the ethos of supporting each other.*

*Both of my children have settled in well in Thurlstone. All the teachers are approachable. My child is making great progress in year 6 and both are very happy.*

*The school is very friendly. Children of all ages mix together to play and encourage.*

*I like that it's a small school and that each child has adequate support.*

*All of the above to ensure my child enjoys school is more important than anything.*

**Do you have any ideas for the future?****Your responses:**

*How are older children introduced to the world of work? E.g. visits from local large employers*

*More social events for the children – discos etc.*

*The outdoor area of the school is still underutilized. E.g. allotment. The playground limited – unsure if the drainage problem has been resolved?*

*Bike shed fundraiser at the end of the summer term – bike parking area has appeared – unsure this is entirely fit for purpose as there is no cover and what about security?*

*The questionnaire requires a neutral box .i.e. neither agree nor disagree.*

*My child would love longer P.E lessons.*

*Possibly improving access for mums with prams?*

*I think it would be good for children to have their own peg in the cloakroom. Some of the children are still very young and on occasions clothing/bags have gone missing. At least if they had their own peg they might find it easier.*

*There has been a situation where I found out plans regarding settling in were to be changed from other parents before receiving a letter – this led to some confusion and would be best avoided.*

*A shorter settling in period in class 1. Tuck shop is perhaps not necessary for class 1 children. Also would it be better to provide parents with menus so they can make choices for their children as 4 year olds are not so well equipped to choose for themselves.*

*Can't think of anything! But will let you know if I do!*

*Expansion – a bigger building.*

*A dads race at sports day!*

*It would be great if street dance could start again!*

*More flowers/plants around school to attract nature.*

*The website is very outdated and has changed very little in 3 years. I'd love to see photos of what the kids are doing on a monthly basis and the website would be the ideal place.*

*When it is wet/raining/snowing have a provision for children to go straight in to school.*

**Here's my response to some of your responses!**

*We will have a think about how we can build on our enterprise projects to perhaps involve local companies – a good idea – thank you!*

*As stated in the Shuttle – we did not raise enough money to buy an actual shelter – it's something we will perhaps aim for in the future. The children were really keen on the design we chose in the end and were very mature in their discussions around their suitability. The children who commented said that a cover was not a priority at the moment as people are unlikely to want to ride their bikes/scooters in the rain and drying the seat would not be too great a problem. As for security, we will not be encouraging children to leave their bike over night; but if they wish to a bike lock chain can be used to secure bikes and scooters. We also have 24 hour CCTV focused on that area.*

*All children from class 2 have now been provided with named coat pegs – another good idea!*

*We had a range of feedback regarding the reading/settling in sessions in class 1. Many enjoyed and welcomed the sessions and some also felt that the sessions were unnecessary or could have been shorter – this is clear evidence that as try as we might we will never please everyone. Therefore we continue in our mission of aiming to please as many people as possible.*

*Access for class 1 at half term which will help with the pram situation – watch out for a new door appearing!*

*The school meals menus are now available to view on the news section of the school website – another great idea!*

*The website has now had a mini redesign. It's up to date and there will be a new virtual tour there soon.*

*We're pretty sure Street Dance will be on the after-school club menu at some point this year.*

**Thank you so much for your positive comments and ideas for development! Your views are always valuable – they help us improve so we can meet your children's needs (and yours) more effectively!**