



Parent Questionnaire – NOVEMBER 2014

Many thanks for taking the time to fill in the questionnaire – the results are below.

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

35 RETURNED QUESTIONNAIRES

Question/Area for self-evaluation	1 Highly Satisfied	2 Good	3 Satisfied	4 Needs Improvement	N/A	DON'T KNOW
My child is happy at school.	22	13	-	-	-	-
The school encourages children to care for each other and develop a sense of responsibility.	24	21	-	-	-	
I believe my child is making good progress.	20	11	4	-	-	-
School is a friendly and welcoming place.	22	12	1	-	-	-
Children's behaviour is good.	22	12	1	-	-	-
I believe my child is taught well.	23	12	-	-	-	-
Staff are friendly, approachable and helpful.	21	14	-	-	-	-
Staff expect my child to work hard.	25	8	1	-	-	1
The school is well led and managed.	22	11	2	-	-	-
Staff explain how I can help my child at home and provide appropriate homework for their age.	20	12	3	-	-	-
Staff encourage my child to become mature, independent and self-confident.	27	7	1	-	-	-
The school takes good care of my child.	26	8	-	-	-	-
What do you think of our sports provision? (competitions/extracurricular/PE)	12	12	5	3	1	2
The school keeps me well informed (through the Shuttle, website, Information Station, letters, meetings, phone calls and texting/emailing service)	24	6	4	1	-	-
The prospectus available to parents (available on the school website – www.thurlstoneprimary.co.uk) is useful and informative.	11	9	4	2	2	7
The school provides good facilities both indoors and outdoors (allotment, Nature Garden, playground, laptops, computers etc)	17	12	4	1	-	1

MANY THANKS FOR ALL THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS! IT'S SO LOVELY FOR US TO HEAR THAT YOU APPRECIATE OUR HARD WORK AND THAT YOU THINK WE'RE DOING A GOOD JOB FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN. THANK YOU!

What do you like best about the school? What do we do well?

I feel my child has developed in confidence over the past years. He has had a very good start at Thurlstone and the teacher he has at present and the teacher before that have excellent teaching skills and are in the role because they love children.

If I have ever had a concern at school the teachers have always taken me seriously and tried their utmost to deal with issues.

Very friendly and helpful staff – caring environment

I love the homework grids – they make the homework flexible and child led and easy to integrate into a busy home life. My child is extremely happy and always delighted to go to school.

Warm friendly atmosphere. Good community spirit. Love the homework club and so does my child.

It's a nice small school and always seems to be activities going on for the children.

Good community spirit.

The children are helpful and kind to each other.

I find all staff friendly and approachable and parents and pupils look out for each other. The sense of community is lovely. I'm also a new follower on Twitter which I think is a valuable source of communication.

I love how excited my child is to come to school, he really enjoys learning and playing with his friends. He loves his teachers. I am very happy with the way his education is going.

I know my sons cares are taken care of and expectations for him to achieve his individual potential are high – thank you.

Thurlstone is a forward thinking school and will try to develop the facilities and needs of the children as much as possible with the resources available to them. Thank you.

My son's teacher is a wonderful teacher and a role model to my son. I have always been impressed at parent's evening and how well he knows my sons needs and the high expectations he has of him.

Another good harvest festival. Good sports and after school clubs. Like the multi-choice homework.

The children are all very happy, polite and caring towards each other.

The staff are very friendly and approachable and are very knowledgeable about the children and their abilities.

I like the head teacher's presence in the playground every day and the fact that she is visible.

My child seems to be developing well and the staff seem approachable and friendly.

The school is very inclusive and we love the teachers enthusiasm and determination to help the children achieve their goals.

The after school activities are great now. To include both sport and homework club. It's great that the head teacher is in the playground before and after school. It's great that the teachers are approachable before and after school and always happy to arrange meetings if necessary.

Like the new style homework.

Fostering a friendly and supportive atmosphere between year groups.

Caring atmosphere in school. The things they are doing in my child's class are obviously very interesting because he is always happy to go to school and excited when he comes out at home time.

Like the new format of homework.

Good discipline structure, good variety of learning opportunities. Friendly and helpful staff that care about the children.

The headteacher being available in the school yard – she is very approachable.

It's great how the school encourages the children to look out for each other across all the ages. It's evident that the children care for each other, even when past pupils have moved up to the grammar school.

Homework club is a very good idea.

The added responsibilities for the Y6 pupils is an excellent idea, getting them ready for secondary education.

My child adored Crucial Crew!

The teachers seem to know pupils and recognize their individual needs. The teachers are very friendly and approachable.

Good standards of teaching and effective ways to promote high standards.

Special mentions on Friday and Golden Time.

Great staff.

Friendly and small – everyone knows each other.

Buddy system for class 1

My child is happy here – the teachers are fantastic!

Mini Olympians and running club are fantastic.

Friendly and welcoming to pupils and parents.

Do you have any ideas for the future?

Many thanks for your ideas – they really do help us to improve Here is a summary of your ideas

School sign-posting parents to other sporting competitions – we'll see what we can do.

More educational visits linked to topics – all our trips are linked to topics but we need to be watchful of how many trips a year we organize as we know it can get expensive for parents.

Better communication regarding after-school clubs – we send letters home for all afterschool clubs – either to the whole school or to the children who show an interest in it.

A later parents evening for working parents – this will be a topic for discussion in a future staff meeting. We understand that some working parents are unable to make the advertised times, but all staff are prepared to make alternative arrangements with you.

A Spanish day for KS2 using a native speaker - a good idea!

More homework after-school clubs – this is a popular club. I cannot ask teachers to run afterschool clubs, so clubs such as this depend on the good will of teachers being prepared to give up their spare time on a voluntary basis.

Opportunities for lunch time clubs (music suggested) – another good idea but once again this relies on the goodwill and time teachers are prepared to give up during their lunch hour.

Special mentions assembly to be held earlier after the morning bell – a great idea! Special Mentions Assembly will now be at 9.10am!

All children allowed the opportunity to play key roles in performances – we try our best to do this over a key stage but not all in one performance obviously. This also depends on whether or not the child wants such a role.

More non-sporting after school clubs- Art Club will be starting again after Xmas and I'm currently looking into a Computing after school club.

More information about what my child is doing in class and how we can help at home – this will be discussed at a staff meeting.

A list of letters what have been sent home during the week on the back of the Shuttle – we will discuss this at staff meeting.

Need more after school sport clubs for younger children – the school run clubs are open to all year groups, however other providers sometime stipulate which ages they are prepared to cater for.

An outdoor under cover area for parents – a great idea but unfortunately our school budget won't allow this at the moment.

Linking INSET days with the grammar school – this is a very difficult one and depends on what each school's individual inset plans entail.

Website updated more often - key information is kept up to data. It is a very time consuming job to edit all the galleries on a regular basis. The website will be getting a thorough makeover before the end of the academic year.

Some classes are bigger than others – this is because year groups vary so much (12 in one year group to 24 in another).

More could have been done to commemorate the WW1 anniversary. Key stage 2 had a wonderful visit from Andy Messer who ran a fabulous WW1 drama workshop for the day – this then informed a huge amount of follow up work in class resulting in displays and amazing writing. The younger children have also been learning about the war and Remembrance day in class completing art work and topic work at a level they can understand. The whole school observed a minute silence on the 11th.

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're particularly pleased to hear that you love the new homework system! We have been trying to get homework right for some time and it seems we've nailed it at last!

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!