

Alverstone Infant School



May 2023

Belonging, Respect, Responsibility

Dear Parents/Carers

Our next "**Book browse**" on the **11th May**.

Please come round to your child's class at **2.50** to see what they have been learning.



There will be a further book browse opportunity on **Thursday 22nd June** at morning drop off.

The children have had a wonderful day celebrating the King's Coronation. Photographs of the activities and celebrations will be uploaded to Tapestry.

Thank you for all of your generous donations for our Tea Party, we are extremely grateful for your support. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend, celebrating this historic event.



Bags 2 Schools

Whilst we wait for our clothing bin to arrive (sorry, we've still waiting!), we have arranged a collection from Bags 2 School on **Thursday 8th June**.

Please bring your bagged unwanted clothes to the school entrance on the morning

Bags 2 school will recycle the material and school will raise funds from the donation.



On Friday 28th April we celebrated "**Month of the military child**".

We would like to thank all of our parent volunteers who came into school to talk about their roles in the military and to those who sent photos for us to share.

Mr and Mrs London
Mr Twigg
Mr Cunningham
Mr Morris
Mr Millyard
Mr Hughes.

The children had a fantastic day and were certainly inspired, thinking about possible future careers in the military.

Uniform

Just a reminder that children should be in uniform every day apart from on their PE days. This includes black school shoes.

Good quality second hand uniform is available in the foyer for a small donation.

Gosport in Bloom

Thank you! The school council collected **£137.16** for our Gosport in Bloom plants.

Thank you! Ms. Luterbacher and Mrs Simon for helping the children to create our wonderful garden.

Thank you! FOA for seeking a donation from Alver Valley garden centre – a further £30 towards our Coronation garden.

Parents Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed our survey. The questions used are the same as those used by Ofsted during their school inspections and your responses will help us to continue to improve. We are aware that the form did not include a “not applicable” option which for some questions would have been the best answer. We have taken this into account when reviewing your replies.

We received **42 responses**: 17 from Year R, 15 from Year 1 and 14 from Year 2.

<p>Question 1: My child is happy at this school. 76% Strongly agree 23.8% Agree</p>	<p>We are so pleased with this response. We regularly ask children how they feel about school and their feedback is very positive. This term we have introduced “Feelings Check-ins” into every classroom, giving the children further opportunity to share and discuss their feelings.</p>
<p>Question 2; My child feels safe at this school. 76% Strongly agree 21.4% Agree 2.4% Don't know (1 person)</p>	<p>Safety is a key element of our curriculum. We constantly teach child about keeping safe and use a curriculum called “SCARF” to support this. Children learn about trusted adults and have recently joined in with an NSPCC assembly to support this.</p>
<p>Question 3: The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved. 57% Strongly agree 38% Agree 2 people disagreed.</p>	<p>We have high expectations of behaviour. Some children needs different strategies and levels of support to enable them to learn how to regulate their behaviour. We seek advice from other services/agencies to support a wide range of needs.</p>
<p>Question 4: My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively. 69% Don't know 14.3% Strongly agree/agree 6 people disagreed. <i>*Some parents commented that they selected “disagree” as their child has never been bullied.</i></p>	<p>Incidents of bullying are rare in school but, like all schools, children do have disagreements. If you have been unhappy with the way in which an incident was managed, please come and speak to us so we can resolve this.</p>
<p>Question 5: The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year. 66.7% Strongly agree 31% Agree 2.4% Don't know (1 person)</p>	<p>Our curriculum is available to view on our school website and also shared via Tapestry. We send half termly newsletters to share with you our intent for the half term. Your child's class teacher is always happy to answer any questions you may have about this.</p>
<p>Question 6: When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly. 85.7% Strongly agree/Agree 11.9% Don't know and 1 person disagreed</p>	<p>We are proud of our open door policy. Please come and see us if there is something you would like to discuss. We also have a School Forum and would love to expand this – please consider joining so we can hear your views about all school matters.</p>
<p>Question 7: My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed. 71.4% Don't know 19% Strongly agree/agree 9.5% Disagree (3 people)</p>	<p>We understand that you probably answered “don't know” if your child doesn't have SEND. If you have had a meeting with your child's class teacher and your child is on the SEND register but you feel that they are not well supported, please come and speak to us so we can discuss this further.</p>

<p>Question 8: The school has high expectations of my child. 59.5% Strongly agree 35.7% Agree 1 person disagreed and 1 didn't know</p>	<p>We have high expectations of both learning and behaviour. You will see this when looking at your child's books during the book browse and by observing their conduct in and around school.</p>
<p>Question 9: My child does well at this school. 73.8% Strongly agree 26.2% Agree</p>	<p>Our outcomes are consistently above national expectations and also some of the best in Fareham and Gosport.</p>
<p>Question 10: The school lets me know how my child is doing. 61.9% Strongly agree 35.7% Agree 1 person didn't know</p>	<p>We have 3 parents meetings a year and also regular book browse opportunities. You will receive your child's annual written report towards the end of the summer term. Your child's class teacher is always happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have about your child's progress.</p>
<p>Question 11: There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school. 100% Strongly agree/Agree</p>	<p>We are proud of our full and varied curriculum offer, the details are which can be found on our website and evidenced on Tapestry. During our next "Book browse", please walk our school corridor and have a look at all the learning that is taking place across the school.</p>
<p>Question 12: The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year. 97.6% Strongly agree/Agree 1 person strongly disagreed</p>	<p>Our school curriculum plans are available on our website. Every half term, each class send out their half termly plans detailing the curriculum being covered. We also make use of Tapestry to share the learning in class with you.</p> <p>Is there anything else you would like to know? Please let us know how else we can improve upon this.</p>
<p>Question 13: My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school. 69% Strongly agree 21.4% Agree 1 person strongly disagreed and 1 person disagreed 2 people didn't know</p>	<p>We offer a wide range of after school extra-curricular clubs. Recently we have added Archery and Art clubs to our club offer.</p> <p>Please let us know if you can think of anything else that we can offer or can suggest a provider who could run this.</p>
<p>Question 14: The school supports my child's wider personal development. 95.2% Strongly agree/Agree 1 person didn't know 1 person disagreed</p>	<p>As a school we try our utmost to offer an enhanced curriculum. Over this school year we have had many sporting workshops including cricket, skipping and archery. We have had many visitors including a space engineer and pathologist (as part of science week) and most recently parents in to support our Military child day by talking about their careers in the military. Our SCARF curriculum and weekly lessons help children to learn about their feelings and emotions. They learn how to keep themselves in a variety of situations including water/sun safety, road safety, stranger danger.</p>
<p>Question 15: I would recommend this school to another parent. 73.8% Strongly agreed 19% Agreed 2 people disagreed 1 person didn't know</p>	<p>We are really proud of our school and hope you are too! We are always keen to hear any comments/suggestions for improvement. Please come and speak to us or consider popping along to our next School Forum meeting, where you can share your views and help us to continue to improve.</p>

Parent Comments

My children absolute adore going to school and enjoy everything about the experience. All teachers are approachable and solve problems and concerns promptly.

My child's teacher has worked with my child to develop strategies that work for them on an individual basis. Since finding a strategy, we have seen some major improvements in development.

I would and have recommended this school to others.

Dates for your diary 2022/2023

SUMMER TERM

INSET Day

5th May 2023

King's Coronation Bank Holiday

8th May 2023

Book Browse

11th May 2.50pm

Photographer in to take class photos

15th May 2023

Summer Half-Term Holiday

29th May to 2nd June 2023

INSET DAY

5th June 2023

Sports Afternoon

3rd July (pm) Further information to follow

Year 2 Leaver's Party

Thursday 20th July pm – further information to follow

Year 2 Leaver's Assembly

Friday 21st July 9am

Summer Holidays

24th July to 31st August 2023

Please also visit our website www.alverstokeinfant.co.uk to keep up to date with dates and information.