

## **Individual Comments from Parents July 2007**

There were 93 individual responses where parents could comment on Concerns, Strengths, Parents Forum, Future Developments and Questions. This generated about 315 individual remarks.

### **Concerns**

The largest single response was 'no concerns' (35).

The second largest was 8 concerns about turning in the driveway to the parking lot although it was noted that the crossing guard was a big improvement.

2 mentioned the apparent attention given to 'naughty children' at the expense of other pupils.

### **Strengths**

The largest single response was the quality of the teaching staff which generated over 30 comments in various phrases: approachable, motivated, strong team, dedicated, committed, make learning fun, exciting teaching methods.

9 praised the extra curricular activities. 4 commented on the themed weeks directly; others commented on the breadth of curriculum on offer. Community spirit was noted by 5. Quality of facilities was noted by 5.

### **Areas to Develop**

The largest number (5) advocated developing languages in the curriculum. There were 4 strong pleas for a return to a 'traditional' 'competitive' sports day. A variety of single answers suggested areas as diverse as multicultural understanding, typing skills, communication skills, understanding advertising, drama, environmental awareness, helping in the community and understanding money.

### **Forum**

Broad support was expressed for this.

### **Other questions to ask**

This generated some interesting single answers. There was a remark about individual teachers and 'special teachers that shine'; comments about developing the role of the FOBS beyond fundraising; asking parents what skills or knowledge they could offer children/staff; getting children's feedback (Here by Right); doing a forum in the evening: understanding disability and developing respect for elders of the community. Two specific suggestions: What activity has your child particularly enjoyed? Given a choice, would you choose this school again for your child?