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# March Newsletter

Dear Parents

Ofsted have been and Ofsted have gone... For school an inspection is a very big event, it can validate the work a school does or it can hang a school and all its' staff out to dry!

Most importantly it is an 'impartial' snapshot of how the school is performing at every level informing parents about what the school is good at and what it needs to do to improve.

It is never easy being under scrutiny – who honestly wants to hang a big sign around their neck telling all the people you meet every day how good or bad you are at your job...

That's not why we teach. We do it, because we love it.

And because we love doing what we do you will I'm sure be pleased to know that our school staff are *Fabulous* and that we had a very good inspection. As soon as the report is finalised we will send a copy home to you – which should be next week. Thanks for all the survey forms that you returned, twice as many as our previous survey for the Governors - the results of which are published inside this newsletter.

Happy Easter.

## **Injustice**

Our Class 3 Tag rugby team were robbed of final victory at the Worth valley Schools Tag rugby tournament on Wednesday at Oakbank. They had their winning try disallowed by what has been described to me as 'dubious refereeing'. Despite this our team soldiered on with true Stanbury Spirit – Their tenacity and sportsmanship are something we can all be proud of despite their loss.

It has been a busy few weeks for sports – we have had a basketball competition, Tag Rugby for Class 2 boys and girls as well as a cross country running competition where once again we achieved a second place. A big well done to all the children taking part and a big thank you to all the parents that were able to support their children in taking part in all these events.

## **Envelopes**

Envelopes for lunch, milk and snack money are available at the school office.

## **Well done to Stanbury children for taking first second and third place in the schools photographic competition**

## **Dropping children off at school**

Can I ask parents when dropping off a child in Foundation Stage or KS1 to not walk through Foundation Stage to then drop another child off. I know it may seem like a silly issue but we are concerned about young children's safety at this busy time in the morning and the less people walking through Foundation Stage will Make school a Safer Place.

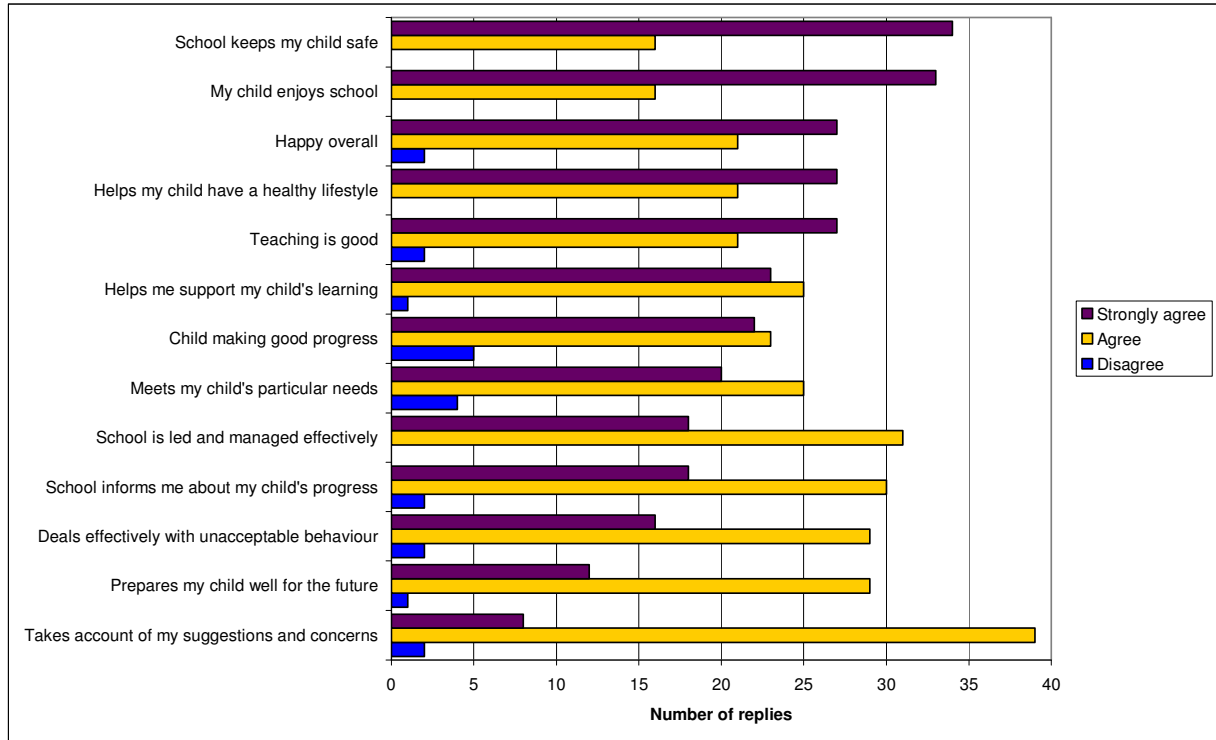
## **New teacher For Class 3**

Doing the difficult job filling Mrs Schofield's shoes from September will be Mrs Fiona Meleschko. As well as the Class 3 teacher she will also be our Senior Teacher (deputy head).

## **Results of Questionnaire for Parents and Carers February 2010**

51 questionnaires were returned.

Overall 97% of replies were very positive (45% strongly agree, 52% agree, 3% disagree).



### Comments

There were a variety of comments attached to the survey forms both positive and negative. We have already been able to deal with some of the negative comments, though extra space for sports is still allusive. Thank you for your participation the Governors have thoroughly analysed all the information you have provided. Should you require any further information please see Mr Swinbourne or Elaine Bingham.

**Your New Parent Governor** is Mrs Andrea West.

### Dates for your Diary

The Website is now updated weekly so do visit it if you require any information.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Life Caravan. Parents are welcome to attend a twenty minute session in the caravan, which will explain some of the things children will be learning (about their bodies, drugs awareness etc).

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April The term ends / school Prom at St Georges Hall for the Choir

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April School Reopens

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April Class 3 visit the Parsonage / Writing Club moved to Tuesday night.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April Class 2 visit Robinwood

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April Parents of children in Y6 SATs meeting at 6:30 in the Hall.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April Maypole dancing coffee morning for parents and children.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May Finance / Governors meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May Key Stage 2 Sats Start

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm Featherstone Castle parents Meeting.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May Term ends

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June Term begins.