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Fonthill Lodge Newsletter

March 2010

Dear Parents,

The end of another busy term is almost upon us and I wanted to draw your attention to one or two things before we turn our eyes and thoughts towards the Easter holidays.

Many thanks to all those parents who returned the parent questionnaire. A summary of the general findings is below.

Here are some dates and times to bear in mind,

- School will close at 3.30pm on the afternoon of the Spring Concert (Wednesday, 24th March). Prep will be available. The Spring Concert this year is dedicated to the memory of Pauline Browning and will start at 7pm.
- Final assembly is on Friday, 26th March at 11am, we hope to see as many of you there as possible, please join us for tea and coffee beforehand if you wish. School closes directly after final assembly.
- Straight after final assembly a number of us are off to Fairthorne Manor (we should all have recovered from our wonderful trip to Lille by then!!) We return from Fairthorne on Sunday, 28th March arriving back at Fonthill Lodge at 4.30pm. We will advise parents by Parentmail of any change to our timings.
- School resumes on Tuesday, 20th April.
- Summer clubs start in the summer term and sign up will be the first week back, Wednesday, 21st April. A copy of the clubs will be sent via Parentmail next week or in the holidays.

Once again we have had excellent results for our Year 6 children and their entry to senior schools – congratulations to all the children; they have worked very hard and deserve their success. A number of children ended up with a choice of schools and I would like to celebrate with you the following scholarships; Bella Lee has gained an academic scholarship to Worth, Amelia Ellis has gained a sports scholarship to Ardingly, Brooke Clark has gained an arts scholarship to Beechwood, Isabella Scott-Wilds has gained a sports scholarship to Coombe Bank, Amelia Hawney has gained an academic scholarship to Burgess Hill and Lucas Day has gained an academic scholarship to Worth.

You will know by now that our Chairman of the Board of Governors, Peter Cockburn, is retiring. I would like to take this opportunity to express, on behalf of us all, our heartfelt and sincerest gratitude for everything that Peter has done for us over many, many years. Peter has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the school and we will really miss him. I am delighted that Andrew Goodall has agreed to become our new Chairman – I am genuinely excited at the prospect of working with Andrew who I know will make an equally successful chairman, he has all the skills and qualities to help us as we continue to move the school forward.

Next, not so much 'forward' as 'upward'; one of our parents, Rob Gearing is part of a mountaineering team that are attempting to scale the summit of Dingshung Mountain in Nepal. Dingshung is currently 'unconquered' so Rob and his team aim to make history by being the first ever team to reach the top. Excitingly for us, Rob and his team have kindly agreed to raise money for our charitable causes, in this instance by raising sponsorship funds for the St Matthew's Primary school in Rwanda where we support our 'Fonthill Lodge' classroom. Full details of the project are on our website www.fonthill-lodge.co.uk. A 'Justgiving' site for this project will be launched very shortly and parents and friends can sponsor the climb by logging on and following the links. We will provide you with all the links via Parentmail as soon as the 'Justgiving' site accommodates us. Of course we are extremely grateful to Rob for including us in this venture and we wish him and his team all the best in their efforts and a speedy and safe return.

Finally, our heartfelt thanks to all of you who make up our Fonthill family, I often reflect on just how special a place this is and how lucky I am to have such wonderful children, parents, staff and governors to work with – thank you! May I wish you all safe and relaxing Easter and we look forward to seeing you in April.

Kind regards,

Simon Willcocks
Headmaster

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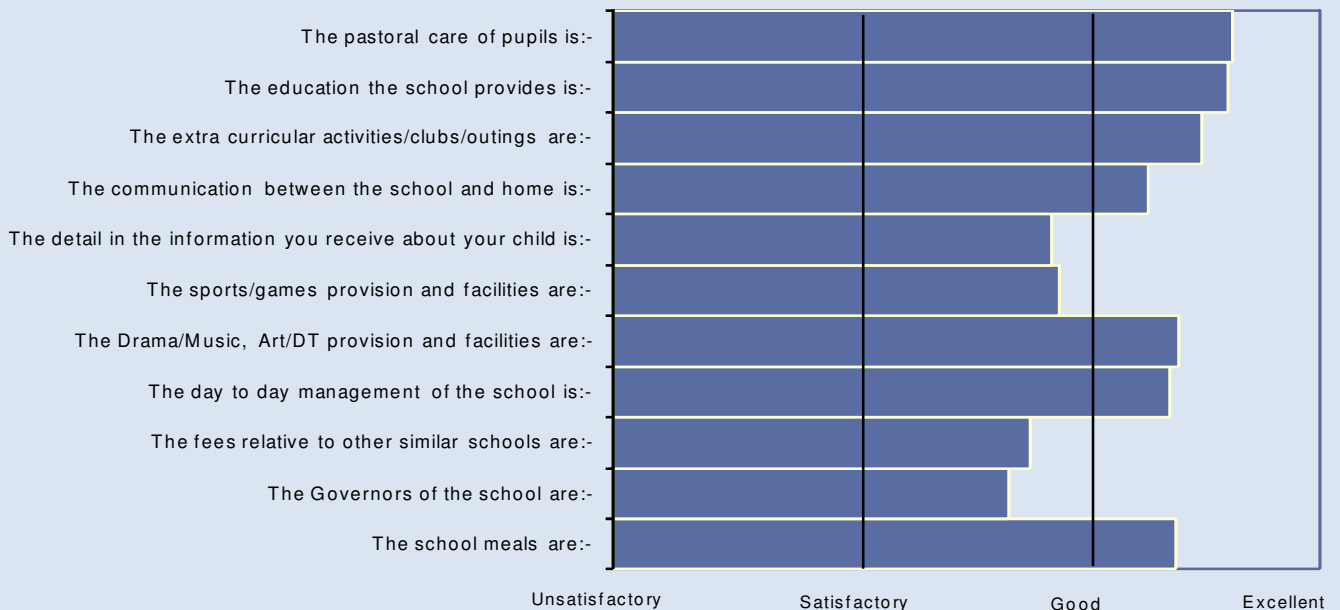


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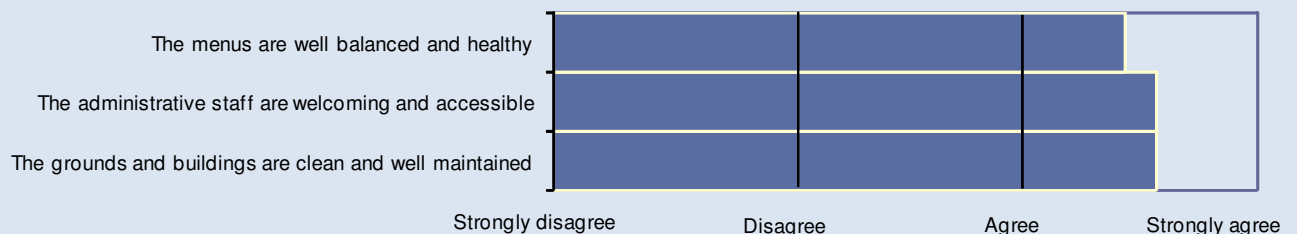
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Parent Survey – Summary

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Survey. We have had a chance to analyse your responses and we are finding ways of acting on your suggestions for improvement. On the whole the outcomes were extremely positive and we take on board your observations with a view to moving forward together on our aim of providing, between us as a community, the very best for your children. A summary of responses is below.



Summary of responses to Parent Survey questions 13 -15



Aikido and Karate

We are fortunate to have the Ryusui-Rui Martial Arts club operating from the main hall of the school. The club blends Aikido and Karate in a non-competitive style with an emphasis on relaxed flowing movements. They have a children's session from 6:30 to 8:00 on a Tuesday evening where parents are encouraged to partake rather than sit and watch. They have the adult session from 8:00 to 9:30, also on a Tuesday evening, with Neil Starks, 3rd Dan.

All instructors are fully insured and CRB checked. For further information on the children's class, please contact Paul Crooks on 07958 700727 and on the adult's class, please contact Neil Starks on 01342 315372. You may also visit the websites: www.m-a-t-s.co.uk and www.ryusui-ryu.org.

Why not make this part of a healthy lifestyle at the same time as learning something useful?

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