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### Pupil Questionnaires

The children have recently completed a questionnaire. The questionnaire asks the children to give their thoughts about school. This week, I have looked at the feedback from the children in our Upper Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. Every child in Key Stage 1 said that they learn lots in school, think other children behave well and that they feel safe in school. A few children said that they weren't sure what bullying means. The teachers in these classes will work with our children in Key Stage 1 to make sure they understand what bullying means. The children in our Upper Foundation Stage were extremely positive about their learning experiences and clearly enjoy coming to school. Overall, I am pleased with the feedback and I will let you know the thoughts and opinions of the children in Key Stage 2 in the next newsletter.

### Top Team

Last term, we invited the children in years 5 and 6 to apply for jobs that would support the adults and other children around school. These jobs ranged from supporting staff in reception to helping children in our Foundation Stage to read. The Top Team have enjoyed their new responsibilities and they have also learnt new skills. Well done to the children who received Top Team certificates in our achievement assemblies recently. I hope to be handing out more certificates this term to reward the children who have excelled at their jobs!

### Phonics Comics

Children from nursery to year 1 continue to work on their early reading skills. The children use their phonics knowledge and skills to decode words. The best way to practise this is to read fully decodable texts. Listening to your child read their Oxford Reading Tree book for ten minutes every day is a great way to help your child with this skill. Also, Phonics Comics is a useful website for children to practise their reading skills. On this site, children can read fully decodable sentences to support their learning in class. You can access this website through the following link: <https://phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/comics.html>

### Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 2 for having an attendance of more than 99%! Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
95.2%	94.5%	99.3%	90.7%	98.7%	91.7%	92%	94.5%

### Twitter

Please remember to continue to check our Twitter account for the latest information about the academy. Last week, our teachers shared examples of work that the children have recently done in class.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson  
Headteacher

