



School News

Ready, Respectful and Safe

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Our special day

Dear Parents and Carers,

OFSTED Inspection, Wednesday 23rd January

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the OFSTED inspection is now complete.

Unfortunately, I am unable to share outcomes with you until the report is written and published. I hope to be able to do this in four weeks' time in late February.

However, it is possible for me to share that our pupils from Nursery all the way through to our Year 6 have been amazing - impressing our staff and governors with their excellent attitude to learning, impeccable behaviour and the care and consideration shown to each other.

They are a real credit to Burdett-Coutts and to their families!

I am also grateful for the many expressions of support from parents and carers over the days around the inspection.

Thank you also for sharing your views on the OFSTED online site – **Parent View** (survey results are attached to this newsletter).

Staff have felt very well supported and appreciate all that you have done to encourage us during what can be a challenging time.

I look forward to sharing the report with you and providing more information about the main outcomes of the inspection.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Dyer

Book Week

THE POWER OF WORDS

We will celebrate Book Week during the week beginning **Monday 4th March**, which will coincide with **World Book Day**, which will be on **Thursday 7th March**.

During Book Week, we will be holding 'Share a Story' events each morning where you will have the opportunity to come to school to share stories with your child.

These events were very popular last year and we hope that as many parents as possible will be able to join us again. Nearer the time I will send out a timetable explaining the event in more detail.



We will also have our usual Book Fair where you will be able to purchase books for your child, from **Friday 1st March**. There will be a wide range of books for all ages. By buying these books, you will be helping to raise money for the school to be able to buy new books for our library, book corners and book clubs that we run.

More details about the Book Fair will be sent to you nearer the time. We are looking forward to celebrating Book Week with the children and we hope that you will be able to join us in the celebrations.

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Summer Fair



Although it is cold and the end of January, the Friends of Burdett-Coutts, (*our Parent Staff Association*) are already planning and organising our sensational forthcoming **summer fair!** The summer fair will be held in the school playground and the ground floor hall, on **Saturday 22nd June from 12-3pm**. The planning meeting dates for this event are as follows:

- Monday 25th February
- Monday 25th March
- Monday 29th April
- Monday 13th May
- Monday 20th May
- Monday 3rd June
- Monday 10th June
- Monday 17th June

All parents and carers are most welcome to attend the meetings.

Snow Action Plan – Information for parents and carers



Winter is here and this season brings the possibility of snow and ice. Extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. Schools are often affected and it can be difficult to maintain an education service.

We will endeavour to open the school every day to make sure that children and their learning come first. However, if the School's Leadership Team feels that the weather would put children

and adults at risk, we will take appropriate steps to minimise this. The steps taken may include:

- Opening school as normal whilst **delaying registration**
- **Closing** the school when it is not safe to open
- **Checking the current weather conditions** according to the local weather forecast
- Checking the forecast conditions up to **school closing times**
- Consulting the **road reports** and reports on public transport so that we can judge **whether teaching staff will be able to attend school**
- Noting the **availability of non-teaching staff** (teaching assistants, office, premises and catering)
- Assessing the **possibility of injury** and whether it is **safe to move** around the school site.

How we will know if the school is closed:

As a fundamental principle every effort will be made to keep the school open, even if only limited numbers of pupils can attend. However, our school may close due to '**unavoidable**' circumstances eg: that it is **no longer safe for staff or pupils to be onsite**.

There are 2 ways you can find out about our decision if we decide to close:

1. **We will send a text at 6am** so please make sure we have your most up to date number (sometimes when the service is busy it can take a while for the messages to be delivered to your phone)
2. **We will update the school website with information about the school closure:** www.burdettcoutts.co.uk

How does the school prepare for adverse weather conditions?

- **Articles in the newsletter** to inform and advise parents and carers
- Holding **snow weather coffee mornings**
- By **gritting and clearing access points** the night before and early in the morning before school
- Writing and publicising the **snow action plan**

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How can I support the school during adverse weather conditions?

- Make sure that your child is wearing **warm clothing** – gloves, hats, scarves, wellies etc. or even a change of clothing.
- Provide your child with a **packed lunch** from home in case school meals cannot be provided.
- If you are a working parent/carer or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please could you put a **back-up plan in place** with another family member or parent and inform the school.

School closure will be the last resort and only in case of extreme circumstances. Every effort will be made to keep the school open at all times, but the **safety and welfare of the pupils, staff and parents will be paramount** in making any decision. Many thanks for your support in helping our school remain open during periods of severe snow/ice.

Dates for your diary : Spring 2019

Highlighted dates are when parents are invited into the school

Dates	Events
January 2019	
Tuesday 29 th	Curriculum Presentation 9am & 3pm: Headteacher's talk in the Ground Floor Hall 3.45pm & 4.15pm: Class Teacher presentation in your child's classroom
February 2019	
Friday 1 st	9am: SEN & Local Offer Parent Coffee Morning
Tuesday 5 th	Safer Internet Day 9am: Safer Internet Coffee Morning
Friday 8 th	9am: Introduction to DreamArts (local drama company) Coffee Morning 9.15am: King-Smith Class (Yr 3) Assembly
Thursday 14 th	St Valentine's Day 9am: Ready, Respectful and Safe – Behaviour focus coffee morning for parents & carers

Dates	Events
February 2019 (cont)	
Friday 15 th	9.15am: Pullman Class (Year 6) Assembly
HALF TERM HOLIDAYS Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February	
Monday 25 th	9am: Friends of Burdett-Coutts summer fair planning meeting
Wednesday 27 th	9am: Religious Education coffee morning for parents & carers
March 2019	
Friday 1 st	St David's Day 9.15am: Blackman Class (Yr 5) Assembly
Tuesday 5 th	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 6 th	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Friday 8 th	9.15am: Fine Class (Yr 2) Assembly
Friday 15 th	RED NOSE DAY 9.15am: Donaldson Class (Year 1) Assembly
Tuesday 19 th	9am: Ready, Respectful and Safe – Behaviour focus coffee morning for parents & carers Proms for Praise at the Royal Albert Hall
Friday 22 nd	9.15am: Colfer Class (Year 4) Assembly
Monday 25 th	9am: Friends of Burdett-Coutts summer fair planning meeting
Wednesday 27 th	11am, Mother's Day service at St Stephen's Church – parents and carers welcome.
Thursday 28 th	9am: Ready, Respectful and Safe – Behaviour focus coffee morning for parents & carers
Friday 29 th	9.15am: Jeffers Class (Reception) Assembly
Sunday 31 st	Mothering Sunday service at St Stephen's church. All families welcome. CLOCKS GO FORWARD!
April 2019	
Friday 5 th	9.15am: Morpurgo Class (Year 6) Assembly Last Day of the Spring Term SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm



25th January 2019

Re: Parent View results



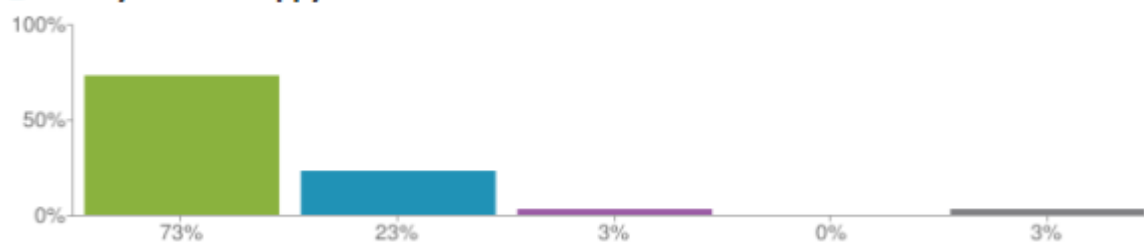
Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know we had a one-day Ofsted inspection on Wednesday 23rd January. As part of the inspection process, Ofsted requests that parents complete the online survey, Parent View, to gain an insight into the feelings of parents about the school.

Many thanks to those who took the time to fill out the survey. As a school we also use the information to help us gather information from parents about the strengths and areas for consideration for us moving forward.

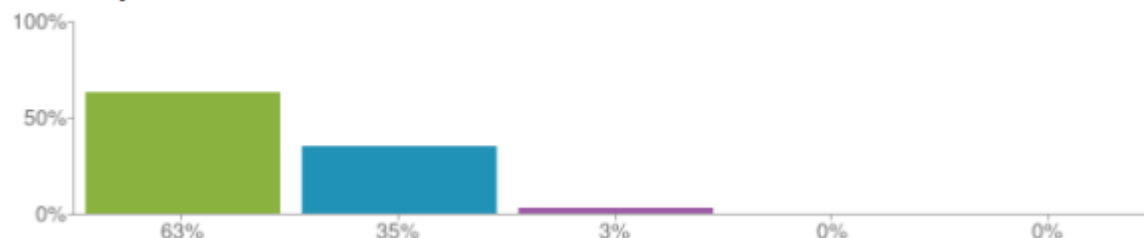
Please see the results, **based on 40 responses**, from Parent View below:

1. My child is happy at this school



96% strongly agree or agree that their child is happy at this school.

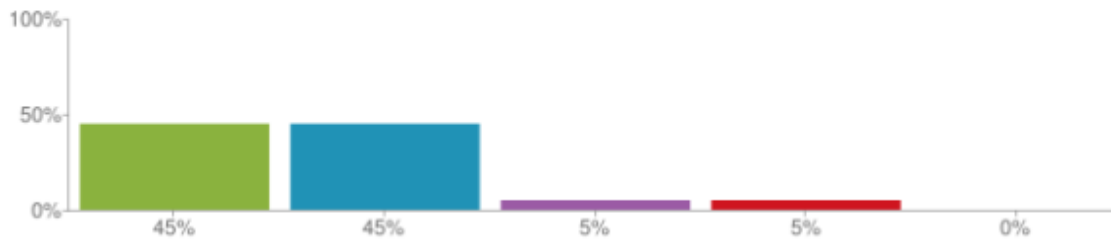
2. My child feels safe at this school



98% strongly agree or agree that their child feels safe at Burdett-Coutts School.

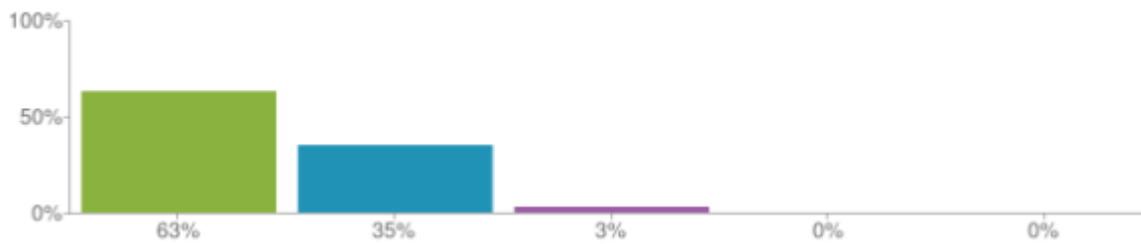


3. My child makes good progress at this school



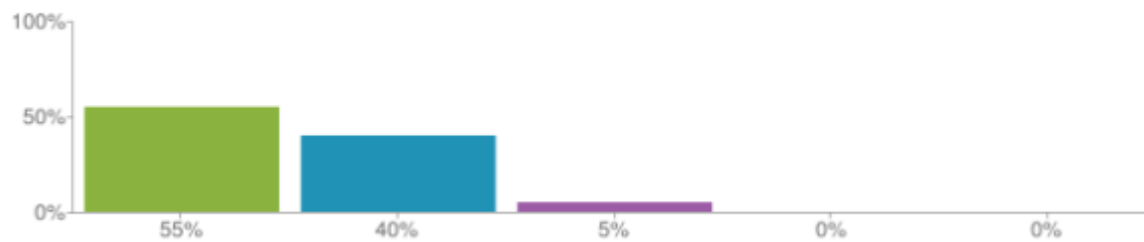
90% strongly agree or agree that their child makes good progress at Burdett-Coutts.

4. My child is well looked after at this school



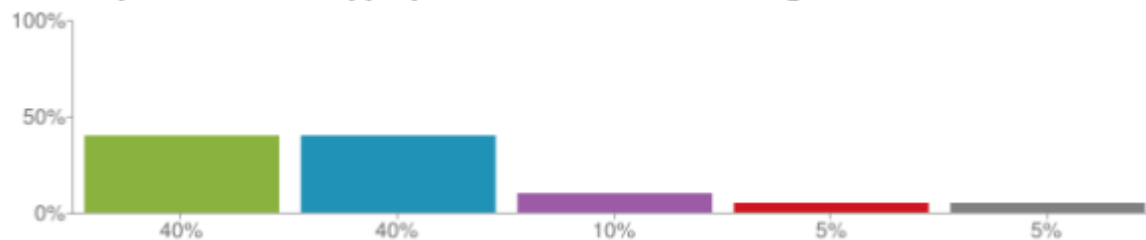
98% strongly agree or agree that their child is well looked after while they are at school.

5. My child is taught well at this school



95% strongly agree or agree that their child is taught well at Burdett-Coutts School.

6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age

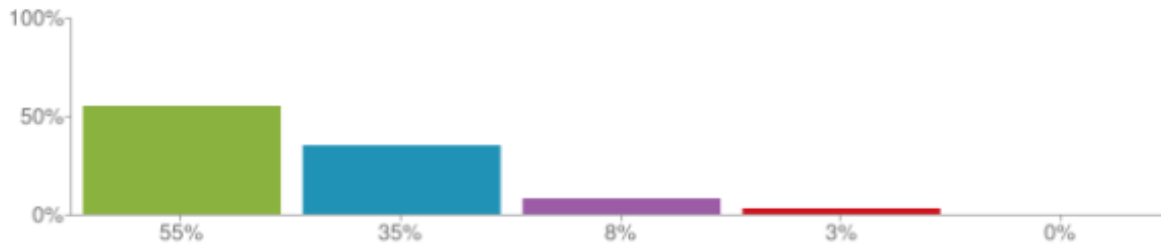


80% of parents feel their child receives appropriate homework for their age. We made several changes to homework following useful suggestions from the parents last year and staff will continue to share our homework strategies at coffee mornings in the near future. We hope that this will bring increased clarity and confidence from parents about age appropriate homework.



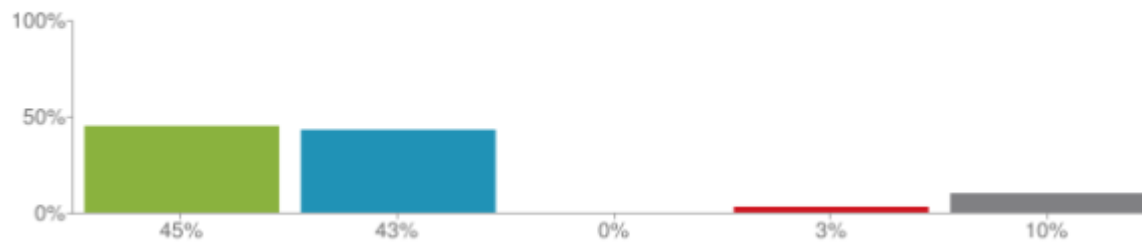
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➤ **7. This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved**



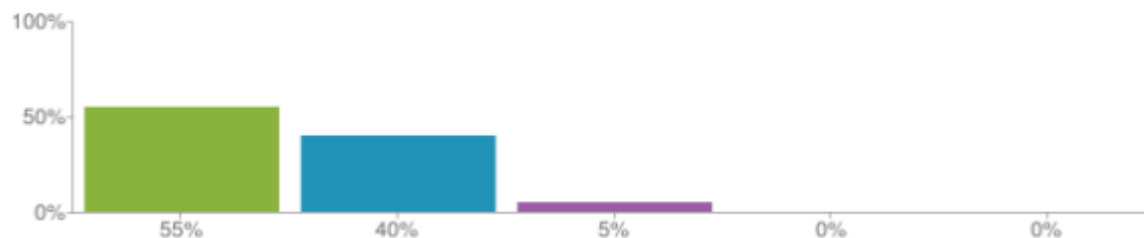
90% strongly agree or agree that this school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

➤ **8. This school deals effectively with bullying**



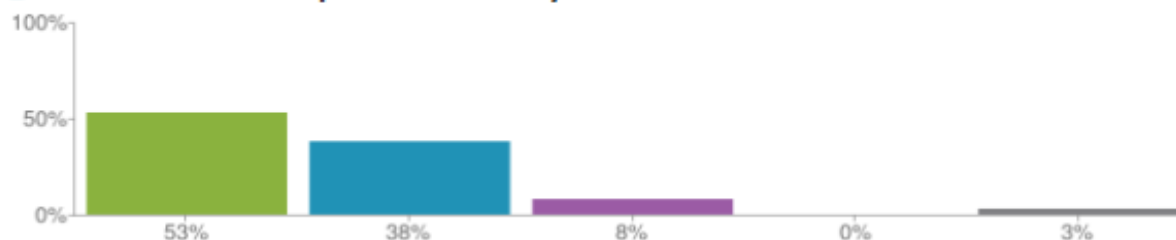
88% strongly agree or agree that the school deals effectively with bullying. 10% of respondents (4 people) ticked 'Don't know'. If you would like more information on how we deal with bullying, there is information on our school website: www.burdettcoutts.co.uk or please ask any member of staff.

➤ **9. This school is well led and managed**



95% strongly agree or agree that the school is well led and managed.

➤ **10. This school responds well to any concerns I raise**

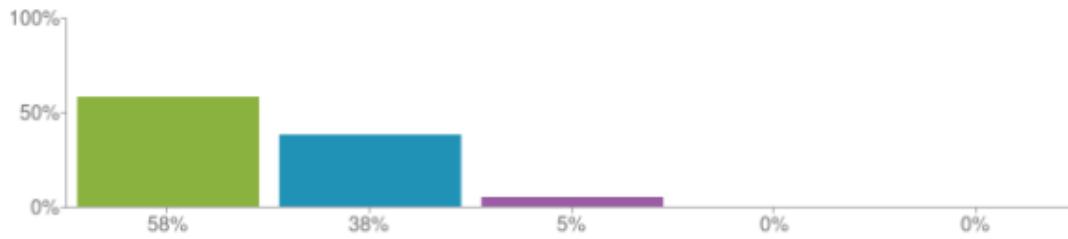


91% strongly agree or agree that the school responds well to concerns raised by parents.



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➤ **11. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress**



96% feel they receive valuable information from the school about their child's progress.

➤ **12. Would you recommend this school to another parent?**



93% of respondents would recommend Burdett-Coutts Primary School to another parent.

We are delighted that the overall response was incredibly positive and will continue working with the whole school community on areas where parents either disagreed with statements or did not know enough to respond.

This will be done through Coffee Mornings for parents (advertised in the School Newsletter), updated policies on the school website and strategic staff meeting discussions.

If you have any queries or comments regarding the questions or results from Parent View, please do speak to me or any other member of the school's Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Camplin and Mrs Lee.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Rosetta Dyer
Headteacher



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