

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

A special edition newsletter comes your way this month with two key pieces of information. Firstly we have the results of the recent parents' survey and secondly, some information connected with Safer Internet Day which was Tuesday of this week. Please read it carefully especially the bits about video apps and if you have any questions, please contact us. But before that...

### STAFF NEWS

We are saying goodbye to Miss McNally this week as she celebrates her engagement and begins the long process of organising a wedding in Canada! Miss McNally has had a huge impact on Year 5 and I know the children will really miss her. We wish her all the luck in the world for the future!

### SCHOOL GATES

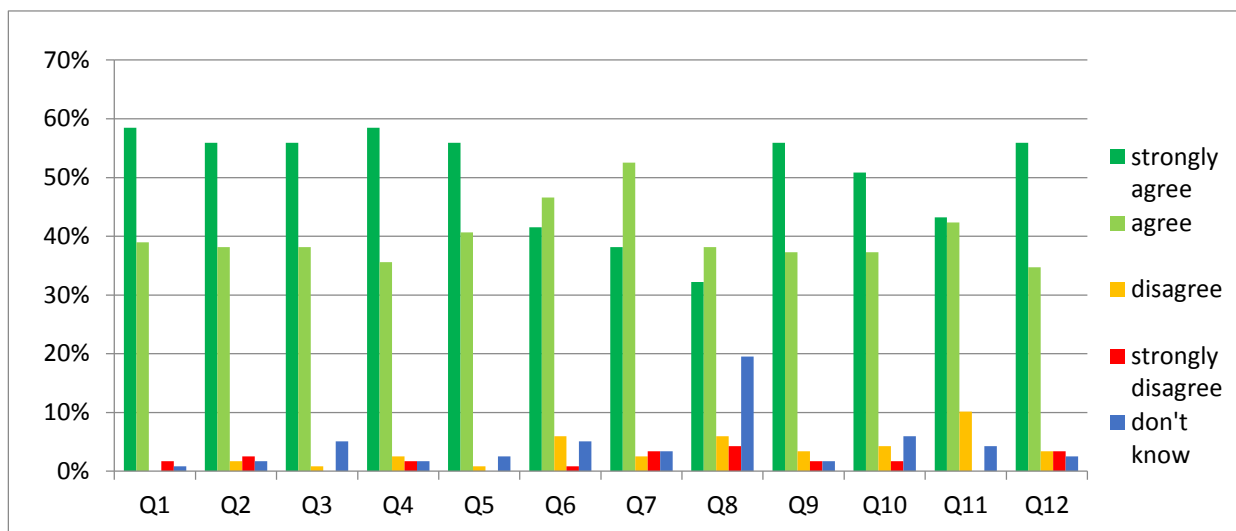
The trial seems to have gone well so we will be carrying on opening just the West Playground after half term.

*Iain C. Gilmore*

### PARENTS' SURVEY

The results of the survey are shown below – all results are percentages - with a graph on the next side. 118 of you replied or just over 44% of our number on roll.

		strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
Q1	My child is happy at school	58	39	0	2	1
Q2	My child feels safe at school	56	38	2	3	2
Q3	My child makes good progress at school	56	38	1	0	5
Q4	My child is well looked after at this school	58	36	3	2	2
Q5	MY child is taught well at this school	56	41	1	0	3
Q6	My child receives appropriate homework	42	47	6	1	5
Q7	This school ensures children are well behaved	38	53	3	3	3
Q8	This school deals effectively with bullying	32	38	6	4	19
Q9	This school is well led and managed	56	37	3	2	2
Q10	This school responds to concerns I have	51	37	4	2	6
Q11	I receive valuable information on progress	43	42	10	0	4
Q12	I would recommend this school to another parent	56	35	3	3	3



We are very grateful to everyone who returned the survey. We had an independent review of the school last week and our reviewer said the results were very good. We will be working on better ways to let you know about progress this year particularly given the changes in national assessments!

### SAFER INTERNET DAY

Today is Safer Internet Day and in assembly I talked about why we have age limits for things like buying alcohol, tobacco and knives: it is more about the risks you are exposed to rather than the things themselves. Facebook and Instagram, for example, have an age limit of 13. This is because anyone can put anything on sites like that some of which may well be unsuitable for children aged 7 to 11.

Video chat apps are even worse because you really don't know who is watching or what they are trying to get your children to do. There were at my last count, **over a dozen video chat apps** in the Apple store including ooVoo and various others.

**What is worse is we have heard from the police that there are people in the city trying to trick school children into talking to them via these apps, showing them disgusting pictures of themselves and persuading the children to do totally inappropriate things back to them.**

- Please check your child's phone or tablet weekly so you know what apps they have and if you see any video apps, I'd suggest you delete them
- Make sure your child doesn't disappear on their own to their bedroom with their phone or tablet because you can't see what is happening
- Make sure your child tells you the instant they see, hear or read something that is upsetting and report it to the site and to the police.
- Think about the age limits please – I know I'm old and boring but you wouldn't send your children to buy wine and cigarettes so why expose them to the nastier side of the internet?



I think the internet is like Portsmouth: a great city but with places I wouldn't want my children to see until they're a lot older! Have a great half term and stay safe.