

# Dereham Church Of England Junior Academy

## Year 3 Newsletter

### Key Info

Please remember to kit your children out with warm clothes as the weather gets colder. We have to have the windows open a lot more than we'd usually have to keep the rooms well ventilated.

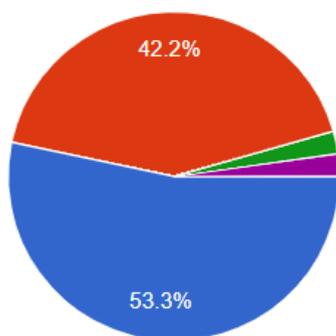
Children will remain on the field at playtime as we do not have enough hard surface playground to keep the year bubbles separate. If you would like your children to have wellies that they can change into feel free to send them in.

## Year 3 Questionnaire results

Thank you to all of you who participated in our recent Questionnaire. I would like to share the results and give answers to some of the ways you thought we could do better.

My child has settled in well at junior school.

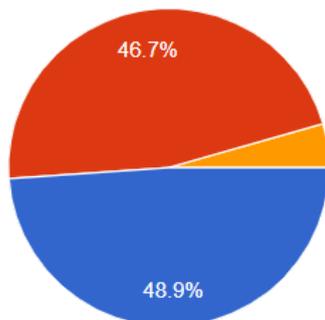
45 responses



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

I feel my child is safe at Dereham Junior Academy

45 responses



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

We were pleased with these result with the vast majority of children settling well and feeling safe.

## Year 3 Questionnaire results...continued

The summary of the other questions were

- Vast majority of parents/carers thought Summer School was helpful in settling their children.
- The videos that the school made were helpful.
- The Early parents evening were great for parents to get to know the teachers

These results help us to know what to do next year for our Year 2 parents.

We had 10 comments about what we could do better. I will summarise them but will not comment on specific children if they were named.

We had 4 comments suggesting that our communication could be better in terms of homework, clubs, and events in school, a few people also wanted to see more of what their child is doing.

I think there are some valid points here. Myed allows us to communicate effectively with parents but a few things such as clubs and harvest festival food letters came out a little bit late. In regards to homework we have written our expectations in these newsletters and have a videos on the website explaining how to access these. However, I wonder whether a welcome meeting in early September would help to clarify this more next year.

One parent asked what their child gets as they are a services child.

A services child brings in the school an extra £310 per year and unlike Pupil Premium funding, which is allocated to raise attainment and accelerate progress, the Services Pupil Premium is to provide mainly pastoral support to service children. We have 2 pastoral workers within the school who are able to support such work, should a child need this when moving to a new area, struggling to build new relationships or to provide pastoral support when family members are on deployment or away from home. However, where pastoral support is not required, we do look more broadly at the personal and academic development of our service children and will ensure we closely track progress and attainment, providing additional support where this may be required.

There was a single comment about the school not feeling welcoming for adults

I think this is particularly tricky at the moment. Local authority advice is not to allow parents in but we don't want to feel unwelcoming as we are usually an open school with lots of events where parents can come in (reading Cafés decorations day, art days. Church events). We want these days back as soon as possible and will continue to look into ways we can do these safely. Being a big school is where it is tricky. Smaller schools with 3 or 4 classes can (for example) take each class to the church. In our school we would have to arrange 11 different times for the church which is not always feasible.

I hope this newsletter has helped. Please continue to speak to us. It is easier to sort problems if we know what they are.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr King', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr King