

**STRANDTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NORTH ROAD BELFAST BT4 3DJ**

April 2019

Dear Parents

We are inviting some parental feedback, via our Annual Parent Survey. Some of you may recall completing this last year, however there has been a lot implemented in school this year, and it is important to capture the voices of our new Year 4 parents. In constructing your responses, please consider these areas of development in 2018/2019.

- The daily healthy eating initiative in Year 4 – Year 7, accompanied by the daily mile for health and well-being.
- Year 7 pupils experience of the 'Healthy Me Mindset' programme led by *Action Mental Health* in Autumn 18.
- Promotion of E-Safety across the whole school: assemblies, competitions, class lessons, parent newsletter, designated section on website and parent workshops
- Parent workshops/evenings: *Wayne Denner* E-Safety, *Love for Life* 'I-SMART' and Relationship and Sexual Education, *Ready for Anything* resilience skills training in collaboration with Belmont Primary School, Cyber Security (scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019). Year 5 Parents workshops for Literacy and Numeracy concepts will run again this year in May 2019.
- New Homework policy – includes more diversity and purpose in home learning activities with the inclusion of valuing a physical activity within the week.
- New emphasis upon positive behaviour throughout school: Ready, Respectful and Safe.
- Introduction of a House System to value every child's participation in school activities and competitions. Pupils have been acknowledged for: a poster competition, high visibility safety, and being respectful in school.
- Promotion of Global Citizenship – classes connected to Los Arenales school in Madrid.
- Curriculum initiatives include: encouraging pupil creativity through free writing opportunities, investigations in Science, Technology and Mathematics and explicit teaching of thinking skills.
- Following feedback from our parent focus groups: new approach to choir inclusion, instrument lessons now occur in Year 5, parents visiting classrooms at September evenings.
- New Eco Council established with school based Eco initiatives: plastic waste reduction, recycling outdoor learning, composting.
- Additional extra - curricular activities: Cookery and morning Netball.

Please explore our school website for regular updates and celebration of our pupils' achievements and accomplishments.

The questionnaire will take 10 minutes at most to complete. Please go to <https://survey.gla-assessment.co.uk/s/BCC1V/> and log on using the password provided below.

Your password is: STR14789parent

The password is case sensitive.

By completing the questionnaire, you will be giving us feedback on our developments this year and telling us how you think we should be spending our time and resources, to make our school the best that it can be for your child.

Each completed questionnaire is vital in finding out what parents think. Your answers will be treated in the strictest confidence and will make a difference to how we run the school and plan for the future.

With thanks in anticipation of your continued help and support.

Yours faithfully

V Hutchinson (Mrs) - Principal