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Dear families

Thank you very much to all of the families who completed the parent questionnaire. We were very pleased with the results which are summarised below.

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at King's Oak	61%	39%			
My child feels safe at King's Oak	63%	37%			
My child is making good progress at King's Oak	58%	39%	3%		
My child is well looked after at King's Oak	61%	39%			
My child is taught well at King's Oak	63%	34%	3%		
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	52%	29%	13%	3%	3%
King's Oak makes sure it's pupils are well behaved	50%	50%			
King's Oak deals effectively with any behavioural issues	47%	37%	3%		13%
King's Oak is well led and managed	55%	42%			3%
King's Oak responds well to any concerns I raise	53%	34%		3%	10%
I receive valuable information about my child's progress	53%	39%	5%		3%
Would you recommend King's Oak to another parent?	61%	39%			

After reading the comments and analysing the feedback, the two main areas for improvement are homework and communication of learning and information.

Homework

Home learning is the bone of contention in every school; some families said the children had too much and some said they didn't have enough! It is definitely a fine balance between: providing children with the opportunities to consolidate their learning; providing opportunities for families to learn together on set projects; providing enough time in the week for family time and for children to relax and enjoy any hobbies they have. With this in mind, we have decided to adopt a two tiered approach to home learning and split it into compulsory and optional home learning. This will provide the children with the deliberate practise they need and also provide ideas for families who wish to do more optional home learning.

Our compulsory home learning is:

- Reading – 4 times a week. Please record in reading record.
- Spellings – weekly spellings sent home to learn for a test (from year 1)
- Weekly English or Maths to support class learning –communicated via Seesaw (from year 3)

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The following options are optional:

- Maths with parents (from year 1) – new videos/activities are added fortnightly. Please speak to your child's teacher if you need your log in details.
- Doodle maths (from year 1)– please speak to your child's teacher if you need your log in details
- Home learning from the home learning menu – given out each term and on the website
- Timetables – Year 3 only

Communication

Website

Our website has been redesigned and is now up and running. We will be adding information to this over the next few weeks. This is the place to go for generic information about the school and year groups. Each year group will have their own page, which will contain information relating to that specific year group, including topic webs, homework menus and year group termly newsletters. All letters and school newsletters will also be on the website for your information.

To further improve our lines of communication and ensure all parents know where to find information, please see the table below for details:

Communication	When	Where to find it
Whole school newsletter – whole school events and news	Every Friday	Emailed and displayed on the website
Year group newsletter – year group specific events and news	Beginning of every term	Emailed and on class page on the website
Topic web	Beginning of every term	Emailed and on class page on the website
Homework menu	Beginning of every term	Emailed and on class page on the website
Letters – trips, information etc.	As needed	Emailed, texted (when needed) and displayed on the website.
Facebook reminders	As needed	Facebook will be used a vehicle for reminding families about events.

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Communication of learning

A couple of families fed back that they would like to know more about what their child is doing at school and could we use a different platform because Twitter wasn't a popular choice. Year 3 have been trialling Seesaw over the last term which is proving to be a fantastic platform to share learning with families. It is a closed app where the children and teachers can share the learning of individual children or the whole class. We are able to share blogs with families, highlighting the learning that has taken place that week and what is going to happen the following week. This gives parents valuable information about the learning and also some ideas for any extra home learning you may

want to do. We can also share individual pieces of learning which will give you a great starting point for a conversation with your child rather than the usual 'nothing' when you ask them what they have done that day! It has proven to be very successful in year 3 so we will be rolling it out to the other year groups over the next few weeks. Log in details will be sent home with your child. If you have any questions please speak to a member of the teaching team.

We will also continue to share learning opportunities on our closed Facebook page.

We hope that these changes will help improve communication and home learning in the school. As always, if you have any questions or suggestion please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the teaching team.

Yours sincerely



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