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Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware that we have been working on the Leading Parent Partnership project over the last year. Lots of different activities and events have taken place in school to support this and we have also actioned many of the points raised in the Parent Partnership Questionnaire sent out to parents in March.

Here is a brief overview of what has been happening in school:

- We continue to hold information sessions for parents of pupils with additional needs
- We host an annual information session with Sheffield Parent Carer Forum – the next coffee morning for this is Monday 9th December – letters have already been sent out for this event
- Parent Coffee Morning – now takes place every Wednesday until Christmas. It will take place on a Thursday morning for the spring term in response to a parent audit. The agenda for each session has been organised around parent requests and have proved to be very useful and informative.
- Parent input regarding home learning, Parent Partnership policy development and communication. Parents were invited to take part in review meetings with staff about homework, how we communicate information to parents and ideas for developing a Parent Partnership policy. The meetings were well attended and all feedback has been considered in staff meetings and policy review groups. The Parent Partnership Policy is waiting to be agreed by governors and the Home Learning Policy is currently under development. Thank you to all parents who contributed to each one of the meetings.
- Art Week – including parent workshops and open evening gallery – timed later after school to ensure all parents were able to attend.
- Christmas Craft day with parents and children working together.
- Termly newsletter written by children for their parents. The first edition went out to families in the summer term. Watch out for the next edition.
- Parents wanted more opportunity to work in class. Several parents have volunteered their services and we welcome any additions to this fabulous team of volunteers.
- Parents were invited to a 'through school' transition afternoon at the end of the summer term to meet their child's next teacher. This was well attended and will continue next year.
- Parents asked for the opportunity to spend longer with teachers at parent information evenings – this term we have trialled an open evening without appointment times in Y3 and Y4. This hopefully enabled parents to have a longer time, if needed, with their child's class teacher. Parents are invited to contact their child's teacher at any point to discuss their child's progress. Parent of pupils with additional needs are invited to regular review meetings.
- Parent wanted to know what was being taught every term. This information is on the school website and a skills sheet is sent home every half term.

At the end of this term, the school will be inspected by a member of the Leading Parent Partnership Award team. We will keep you informed of how we are progressing.

Thank you so much for your wonderful support.

Yours sincerely

Diane Wilkinson

