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Dear Parents/Carers

A huge 'thank you' to all those parents who responded to the questionnaire about "Parent Communication".

77% of those who replied had looked at the school website with the overall majority saying it was very informative and easy to navigate.

Below are some additional comments about the website and our responses.....

"I am always able to find what I need but may-be a 'keyword' search bar would be helpful for quicker access"

A small magnifying glass can be found in the top right hand corner on the home page. Click on that and a drop down search box will appear, put in your keyword(s) and you should be directed to the relevant page.

"The terms date section on the home page is incorrect"

This has now been rectified and holiday dates can be found under the parent tab.

"I used it for the menu - it would be good if you could see which week it was for each menu"

A weekly bulletin that we are going to start sending out in October will identify which week we are on and which menu you should look at on the website.

Only 35% of parents who returned their forms have "twitter" - please be aware that school does have it's own twitter account and it can be found at @UptonWestleasch.

Dojo was a resounding success with 96% of parents accessing it regularly to look at photos and read information about what your child is doing.





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86% of parent responses said they read the parent newsletter. When asked if you would prefer a brief weekly bulletin rather than a monthly newsletter 75% of parents said yes, 21% said no and 4% were happy with either.

Other comments and responses can be found below....

"I would like to be told of events/meetings further in advance". "I'd like to know when trips are happening - more time to plan and pay would be helpful".

Every class teacher will be sending out a letter to parents with key dates on for the year including Family Member to School dates, Xmas performance dates, Forest School, Swimming etc. Trips have also been added with approximate costs.

Obviously other dates may 'crop' up throughout the year but we will give you as much notice as we can.

I'd like to receive more information about what my child is learning on a weekly basis and my child's progress, what they need to work on and how I can help".

The website has lots of information on what the children are learning. Every class page has the teacher's long term plans for every subject so parents can see what is being taught. Weekly Homework will reflect and support what is going on in class and we have an "open door" policy where parents can speak to staff about their child's progress and how they can support any time.

"It will be advisable to let the parents be aware of what is happening by way of a brief bulletin for urgent information because at times one might forget to check the parent newsletter".

As from October a weekly bulletin will be sent to parents in the form of an e-mail from the school office at the end of the week informing parents of events the following week





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or/and important information/messages. Please make sure the office has a correct e-mail address.

The monthly parent newsletter will continue but in a much shorter format as a lot of the information and photos are repeated on dojo and/or twitter.

I'm very pleased to report that the majority of parents felt communication was very good. A few comments included:-

"Overall very good communication"

"Great communication"

"I feel the school communicates well with parents and keeps us informed with anything regarding our children and the school"

"Every way I have used to communicate with the school has been effective and quick to reply".

Thank you again for all your positive comments regarding our parent communication and we hope our new initiatives will be just as successful.

Yours sincerely

K Carruthers
 Headteacher

