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Dear Parents,

At the beginning of the Spring Term, two selected governors interviewed every child in the School to establish their views about their School, what they think of School life and any things they think could be made better. These are the highlights of those conversations:

- Children are happy at School and have fun
- Most children find lessons interesting and fun
- All children feel supported by teachers
- All children feel they behave well most of the time
- Most children report that School is a friendly place
- All children feel safe at School
- Children report that teachers are fair and kind and they feel encouraged to be kind to others
- Children feel listened to and trusted
- All children feel they are encouraged to be healthy
- Children love their playtimes and lunchtimes
- Most children participate and enjoy After School Clubs and make good suggestions for new clubs
- Children really enjoy Forest School
- Children enjoy topic weeks, science, writing and listening to stories and some really enjoy maths
- Children enjoy RE lessons with the RE support teacher
- Children like all their teachers, all support staff and the new HT
- Most Y2's feel sad and nervous about leaving Speen School. A reminder for everyone to offer them support and encouragement as they head towards transferring to their new schools
- Children love their playtimes and are always interested in the possibility of new play equipment

As you are aware, governors are also seeking the opinion of parents. Many of you have responded already and we thank you for completing the survey. We would like to get a few more responses so that we have a full picture of parents' views and so if you can spare the time over the Easter holidays, perhaps those who haven't, would be kind enough to complete it. Attached is the link and we thank you in advance:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5HYMGCK>

We are very pleased that following the stakeholder consultation and huge effort and activity behind the scenes by various members of staff and governors, our new Pre-School, Little Apples, officially opens on 29th April 2019. Led by an experienced Pre-School Leader, Janice Beard, and assisted by our long-standing staff member, Karen Woodward, we are very excited about this new provision and all that it adds to the life and community at Speen School. We hope that you will drop in and wish them well with our new venture.

The upcoming Open Day events on 3rd and 9th May 2019 will give further opportunities for prospective families to see what makes Speen School such a special place. Do tell your friends and neighbours!

This term has certainly been a busy one for both the children and the staff, to whom the governors are very grateful for all their hard work and commitment to Speen School.

We wish you a very Happy Easter holiday.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eamonn Barrett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Eamonn Barrett
Chair of Governors