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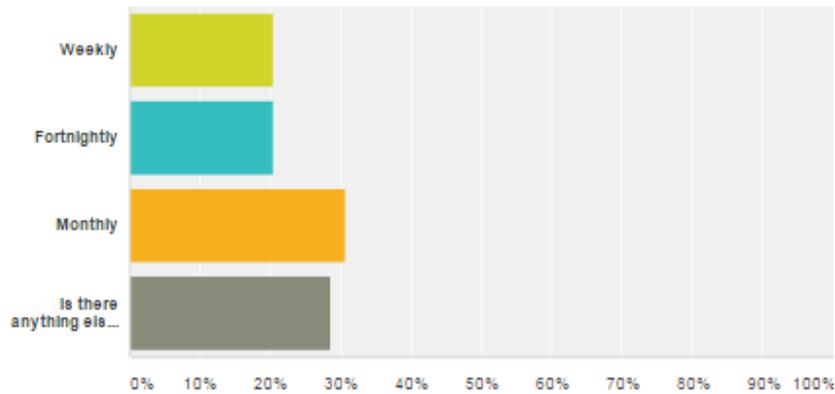


1st July 2015



Would you prefer the school newsletter to be:

Answered: 45 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Weekly	20.41% 10
Fortnightly	20.41% 10
Monthly	30.61% 15
Is there anything else you would like to see in the newsletter?	28.57% 14



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Comments

pre warning regarding dress up days/fund raising..... maybe decide on 1 a term.....and put in news letter...

11/1/2015 7:39 PM

No

10/22/2015 7:04 AM

Each week one class choose a couple of pupils to write what they have been doing that week in class, the following week another class and so on. It would give the children responsibility and input into the newsletter

10/17/2015 9:01 PM

More examples of great achievement from the kids. It doesn't have to be academic performance.

10/15/2015 10:25 PM

It would only let me tick one box but i would like the newsletter weekly with everything that is happening the following few weeks so to get reminders, some people have more than one child at the school and also have other responsibilities, so it is not always easy to remember everything.

10/15/2015 7:27 PM

Think staff resources are already stretched without the newsletter being a weekly thing. Unless there are important dates to be added to the diary which could be emailed as and when, I would be happy with a newsletter once a month.

10/14/2015 9:17 PM

Celebrations of children's achievements and work.

10/14/2015 8:12 PM

Info on what children have been doing in lessons/learning about would be nice

10/14/2015 8:09 PM

No

10/14/2015 5:36 PM

The school menu.

10/14/2015 4:55 PM

More photos of what the kids are doing. The weeks menu. More details of what is being spent and on what.

10/14/2015 4:18 PM

It would be more likely to be read if it wasn't sent as an attachment. E newsletters that are embedded in the email are a more effective way of communicating. This can be done via mail chimp (free). James Harper can talk you through this if you would like any help.

10/14/2015 1:46 PM

What each year classes are studying. Who has gold certificates / awards / gold book / etc.

10/14/2015 12:33 PM

No

10/14/2015 12:32 PM

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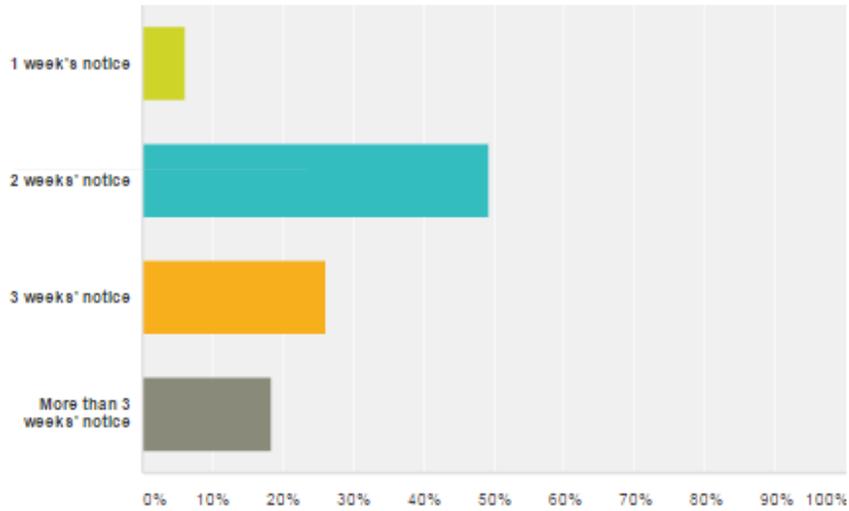
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When there are events, such as dressing up days, would you prefer;

Answered: 65 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
1 week's notice	6.15% 4
2 weeks' notice	49.23% 32
3 weeks' notice	26.15% 17
More than 3 weeks' notice	18.46% 12
Total	65

Comments (31)

Comments

A text message a day or two before the event is very useful.

2/15/2016 11:32 AM

General feeling is that not enough time is given which can result in extra costs of panic buying a solution

11/6/2015 4:49 AM

The amount of notice given should be proportionate to the preparation required, but at least a week's notice please under any circumstances.

11/5/2015 10:16 PM

would be good at the beginning of the year to decide on one charity event each half term/term and provide information straight away so parents have the time to prepare.

11/4/2015 9:36 PM

If it's an event where the children will need an outfit I think 3 weeks is enough time for parents to arrange this.

11/4/2015 6:45 PM

I think generally we receive enough notice on dress up days. The ones that we are told within the week they are happening are not

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helpful for those of us that need to access the shops or order something to come in time.

11/4/2015 2:03 PM

Occasionally notice is rather short which means that the dressing up may not be quite as good as either the parent or, most importantly, the child would wish for!

11/4/2015 9:57 AM

A text reminder a couple of days would be useful as well, just in case we didnt get the original letter/note

11/4/2015 8:16 AM

Some times they are late. Communication is inconsistent in how it arrives. The text message system sometimes does not come through every time It would be useful to have pre-warning of events in advance and reminders 3-5 days following this. Also year group the message applies to would be beneficial to be stated as when more than one child at the school it causes confusion especially when messages are sent before children are aware.

11/4/2015 8:09 AM

I think it would be good to be given at least 2 weeks notice and then maybe a reminder the week before.

11/3/2015 10:20 PM

The school Special Events are lovely and my kids really enjoy them however they are very frequent. Sadly some of us work full-time and don't have the luxury of time in order to plan out and hand-make costumes and props. Please plan these well in advance to give us chance to do the same. Thanks.

11/3/2015 10:11 PM

I would always like to be given as much notice as possible to be able to sort out a costume

11/3/2015 10:09 PM

Enough notice given. I always find communication to be excellent. Too much time can lead to being forgetful!

11/3/2015 9:18 PM

Something usually has to be bought/ordered so more time is needed.

11/3/2015 8:34 PM

And then a reminder a week or so before, pref by text message

11/3/2015 7:55 PM

Putting planned events like red nose day, world book day etc would be good to be included on the newsletter diary.

11/3/2015 6:46 PM

You cant win !!! someone will complain if you give too much notice other too little !!!

11/3/2015 6:24 PM

A minimum of 2 weeks notice is helpful, but the more advance notice the better. For dressing up days etc. the notice period should include a least one weekend, as many working parents have limited daytime availability during the week to do any necessary shopping. Where themed events are planned well in advance, a warning at the planning stage that this may involve a dressing up or food day could be given, and the exact date confirmed nearer the time.

11/3/2015 6:21 PM

Some of events are given less than a weeks notice, which is really hard to sort appropriate clothing etc

11/3/2015 6:01 PM

For ordinary clothing/pyjama style days any notice is fine. Book days or topic related dress up i appreciate lots of notice

11/3/2015 5:39 PM

Particularly for productions

11/3/2015 5:26 PM

Would like as much notice as possible with maybe a reminder nearer the time.

11/3/2015 5:09 PM

Giving us two weeks gives us chance to plan and shop around if we need anything.

11/3/2015 5:06 PM

Sometimes when clubs are cancelled you get notified on the day when it is too late to make alternative arrangements also when children don't want to dress up they should be allowed to come in their uniform with no pressure to dress up

11/3/2015 5:02 PM

Whilst I think the school puts a lot effort into "special" days which is nice for the children, as parents it can be difficult to get or make costumes (time wise) especially if you have multiple children with in the school. I also feel a little frustrated at times that it's always one thing after another, since we have come back in September there have been Christmas cards, school pictures, disco, space day as well as coffee mornings and now poppy day, (whilst I think they a great causes) and I'm sure there will be other things up-to Christmas. The children want to be involved and share everything which as a parent I do enjoy but it does get costly, I know other parents feel the same about this.

11/3/2015 4:56 PM

Too many !!! and the expectations on parents to provide a "costume" -plays into the "competitive parent" element.

11/3/2015 4:52 PM

However for some children- like my son in yr 5 - he absolutely hates to dress up. So it would be much better if you could stipulate

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that dressing up is optional please. It puts less pressure on parents to try to get their children to dress up!!!! We try to support events wherever possible but sometimes we need to listen to our children.

11/3/2015 4:50 PM

My child enjoys these events and I think, when enough notice is given, it can be an affordable enrichment activity.

11/3/2015 4:48 PM

I feel that compared to other schools the amount of notice we get to provide costumes for plays and dressing up days etc is not sufficient. For example, it is Children and Need day in 2 weeks and as yet we have no idea if you want the children to come dressed up or not! When we eventually do find out, it'll probably be too late to purchase Pudesy accessories, which has happened numerous times in the past. Another example is the summer production, we found out on the Monday evening what costume was needed to be taken in on the Thursday morning!!

11/3/2015 4:47 PM

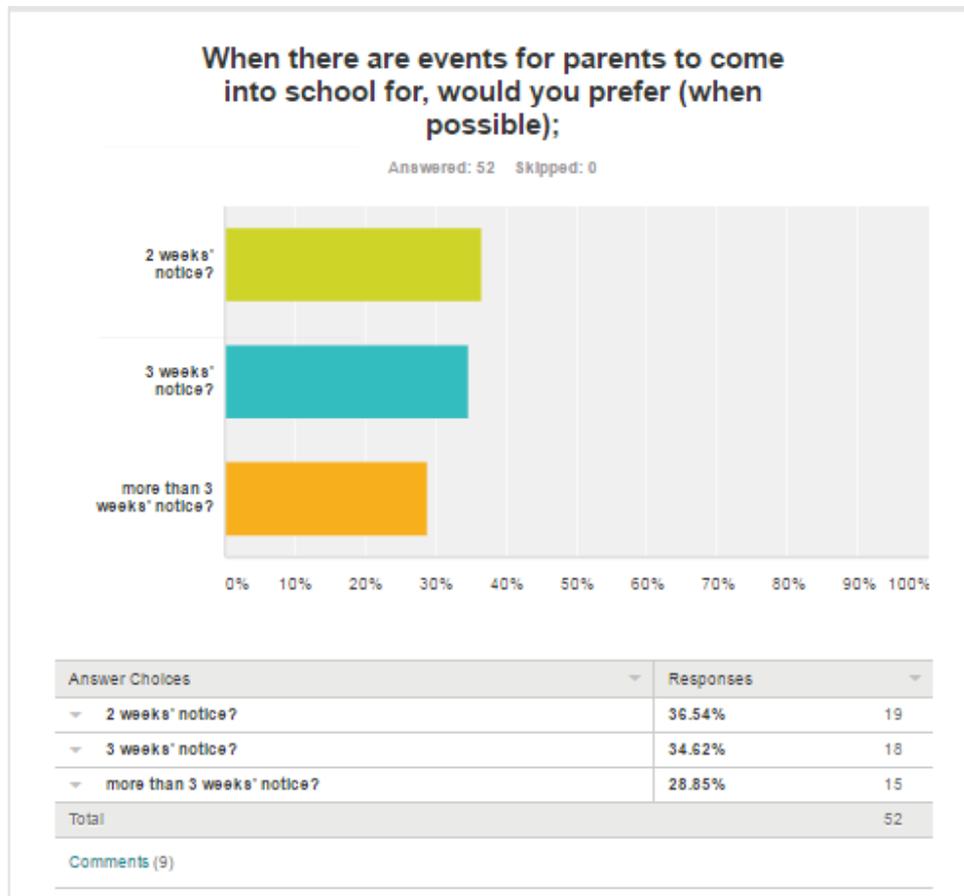
A reminder would be nice in case first notification not received

11/3/2015 4:45 PM

I am not at all creative so need time to buy stuff :(

11/3/2015 4:43

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A minimum of two weeks notice would be appreciated. If longer can be given then that would be great and helpful at certain times.

12/11/2015 8:33 PM

As much notice as possible so working parents are able to take time off

12/10/2015 8:04 AM

I work in a job where I manage my own diary; this gets filled very quickly and usually a month in advance. My husband is a prison officer and his shift patterns are planned weeks ahead. I'm a little frustrated that we invariably have to forgo many of the events at school due to our commitments. I seem to remember filling in a similar survey previously. Unless this is a case of deja vu?

12/9/2015 9:35 PM

Perhaps a notification text on the day.....or a facebook message for those of us who forget easily.

12/9/2015 4:46 PM

It is very difficult for working parents to rearrange schedules with less than three weeks notice. It is helpful if dates that are fixed well in advance are on the newsletter/calendar as soon as they are set- but only if these dates have been checked to be correct and are unlikely to be changed at short notice.

12/9/2015 3:50 PM

Have to organise work diary far in advance

12/9/2015 1:51 PM

Duties at work are done 4 weeks in advance - this would give time for things to be arranged. Often dates change which does not help. It would also help on emails/texts of year groups were mentioned every time that they apply to. Proves difficult when you also get one notification in front of another year group when the first date is after the second.

12/9/2015 10:48 AM

For people who work, it is often very difficult to get time of work at short notice, having the date early really helps. If the date changes suddenly this can be very problematic.

12/9/2015 10:08 AM

3 weeks notice then a reminder with 1 week until event and another the day before???

12/9/2015 9:51 AM

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