

# Holbeach

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th May 2019

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Saturday 18th May

- Friends of Holbeach 2 Kilometre Fun Run (10am at Ladywell Fields)

#### Tuesday 21st May

- Year 4/5 Girls Football Tournament (The Mayor's Cup) 4pm - 6pm at Jubilee Playing Fields

#### Wednesday 22nd May

- 1SJ Class Assembly 9:15am in the school hall (parents/carers invited)

#### Thursday 23rd May

- European Union Elections (school closed to children on this day)

#### Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

- Half Term break (school is closed during this week)

#### Monday 3rd June

- Term begins (see you at 9am in the school playground)

#### Thursday 6th June

- Parent Drop In (a chance to see your children's current work in class) 3:20pm - 4pm

### SAVE THE DATES

In the final half term of the year there are some important annual events that take place that you might want to save the date for. They are:

- Summer Fair - **Saturday 29th June**
- Key Stage 1 Sports Day (Years 1 & 2) - **Tuesday 9th July** (Ladywell Arena)
- Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Years 3 to 6) - **Wednesday 10th July** (Ladywell Arena)
- Early Years Sports Day - **Friday 12th July** (school)

### Year 2 Observing the local area

Last week, each Year 2 class went on a local walk around Catford. They were observing the sort of things you would find in a town. They have been reading 'Town Mouse and Country Mouse' and are comparing living in the countryside to living in the town.

They noticed how busy Catford was in the daytime, especially all the traffic and buses. Here is what some of 2S said about their walk:

"We saw the roads were very busy. There was lots of traffic and lots of people walking around so we stayed together to be safe" – Caleb

"I liked seeing Laurence House" – Aaron

"I liked seeing the Broadway Theatre" – Eva

"I liked the church because it reminded me of where I used to live" – Izzy

"I think Country Mouse would like to see the park" – Samson

"I think Country Mouse would be scared in Catford because there are lots of people and cars and tall buildings" – Sapphire



### 3G Class Assembly

On Thursday, 3G took us back in time (using a time machine they had found in Holbeach) to the time of World War II.

Through drama, singing and the sharing of work, they demonstrated what life was like for children

during this difficult period. It was very clear the impact evacuation and rationing had on the lives of those who lived through it.

3G are clearly enjoying this interesting topic and their leaning was further enhanced at Horton Kirby today (Friday) where they took part in a 'World War II Experience'.



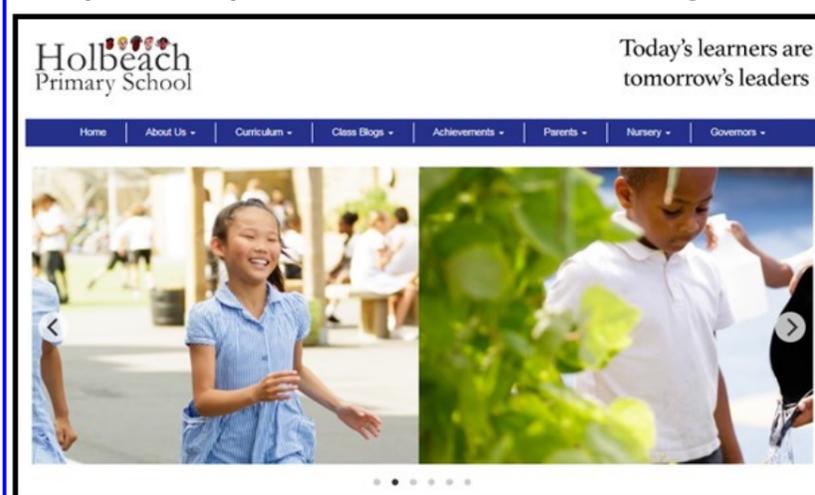
### New Website!

Next week will see the launch of our new look website. We hope that you are as pleased with the changes as we are. It is now easier to navigate and provides an enhanced experience for you allowing better communication, more regular updates and clearer information about our Early Years provision whilst maintaining the things that were working well

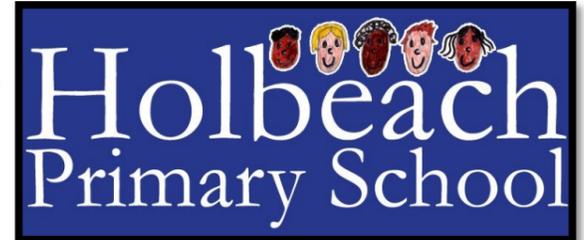
(e.g. the class blogs and the information about the curriculum).

Let us know what you think of the website by emailing us via the website.

Thank you to Mr Morriss for his hard work on this project.



# Results of the Parents/Carers Survey

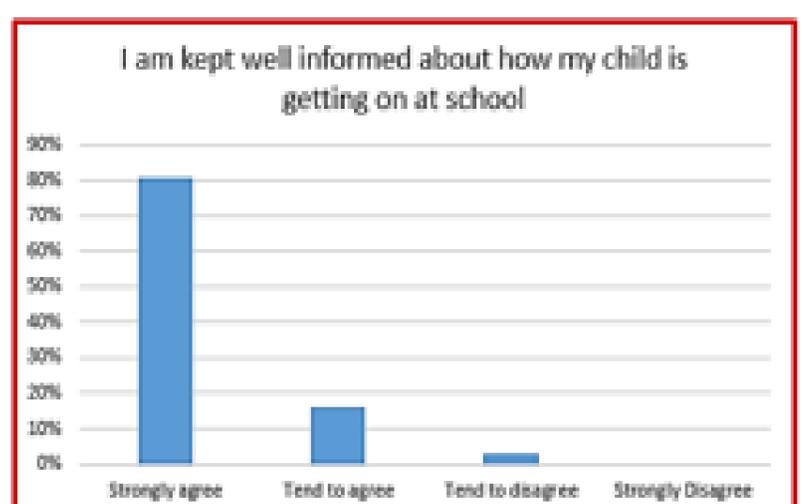
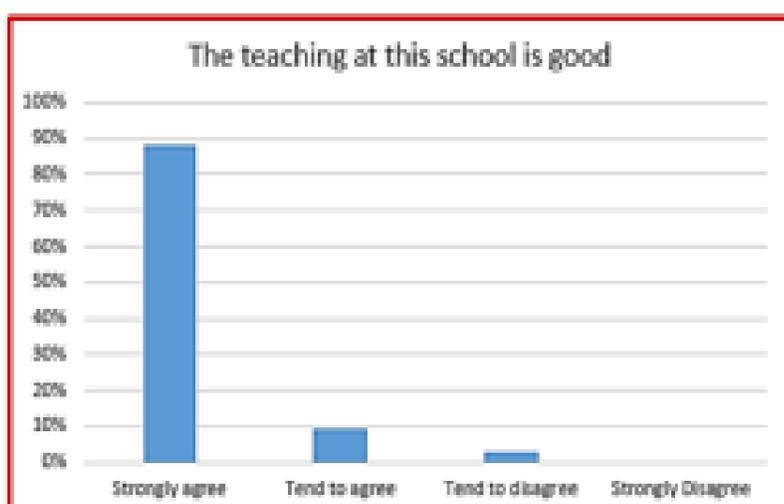
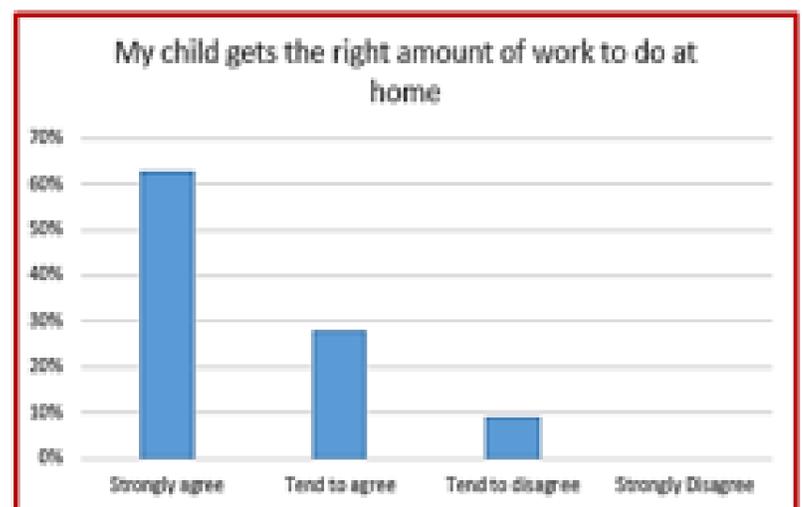
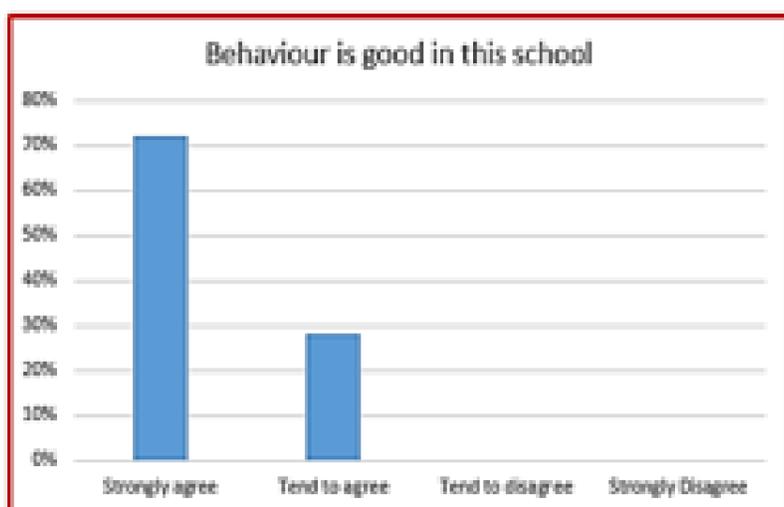
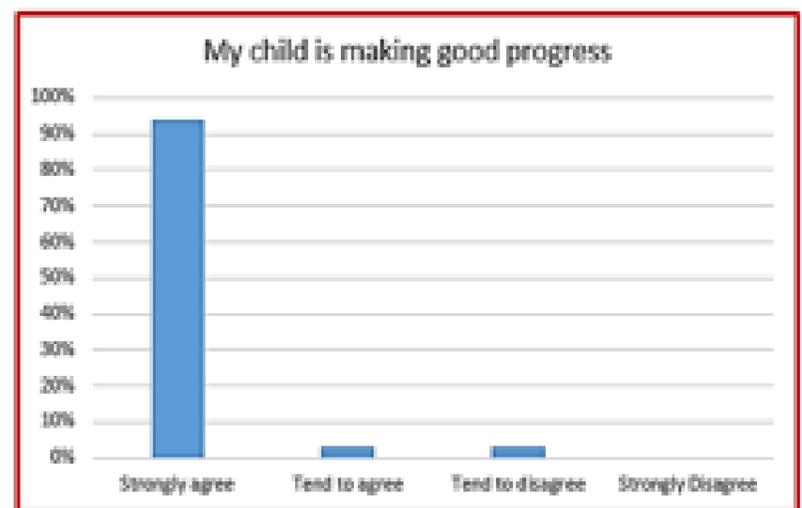
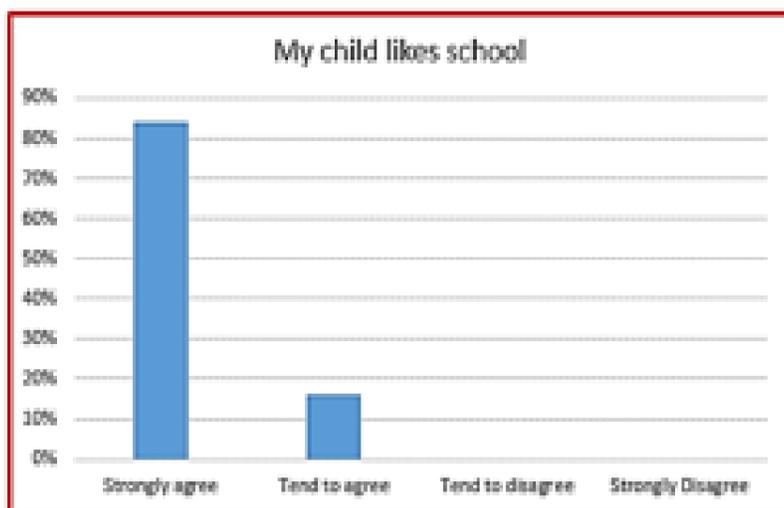


Thank you to the 32 parents/carers who completed a questionnaire during the Spring Term Parents Evening.

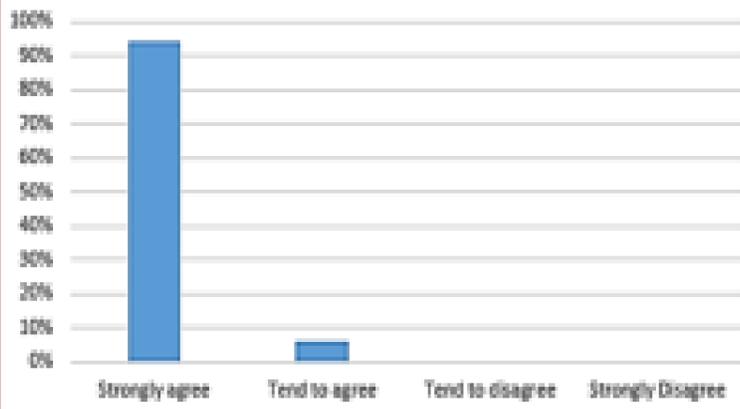
The results (shown over the next 3 pages) are very positive and clearly demonstrate what a great job the staff at Holbeach are doing.

Obviously, we will endeavour to improve in the areas that are least positive and we particularly welcome the additional comments that provide specific areas to focus on.

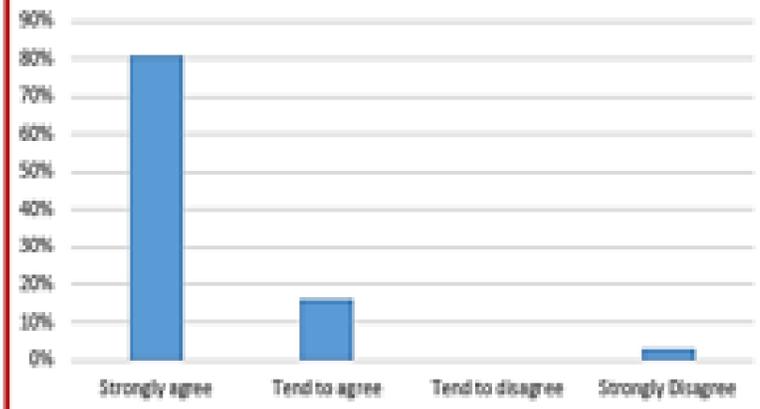
*If you have any further feedback or ideas on improving the school during the school year, please contact us via e-mail on: [admin@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk)*



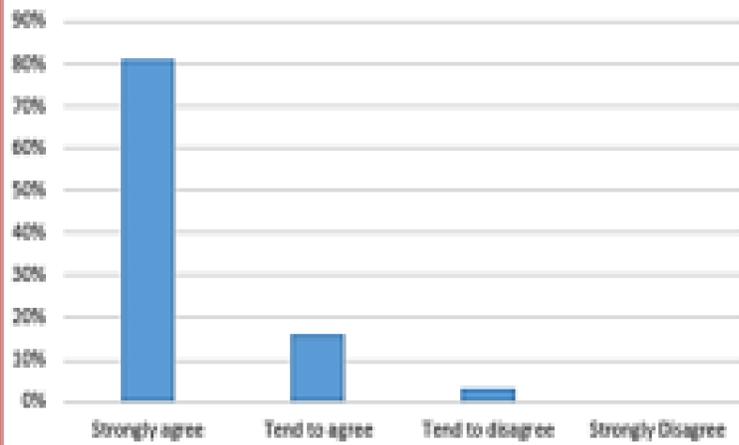
I would feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions



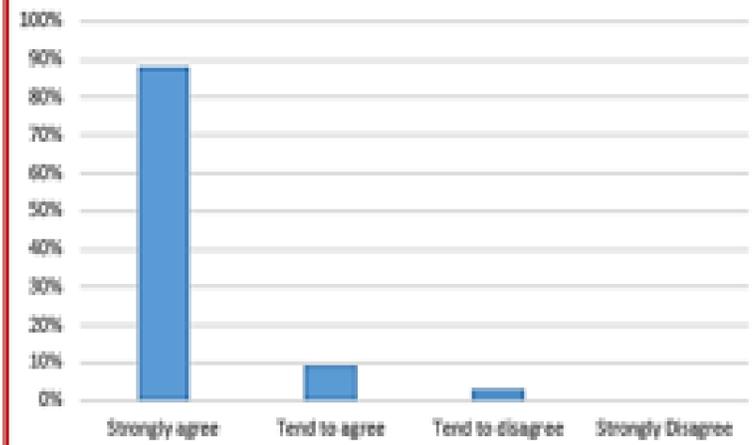
The school expects my child to work hard and achieve his/her best



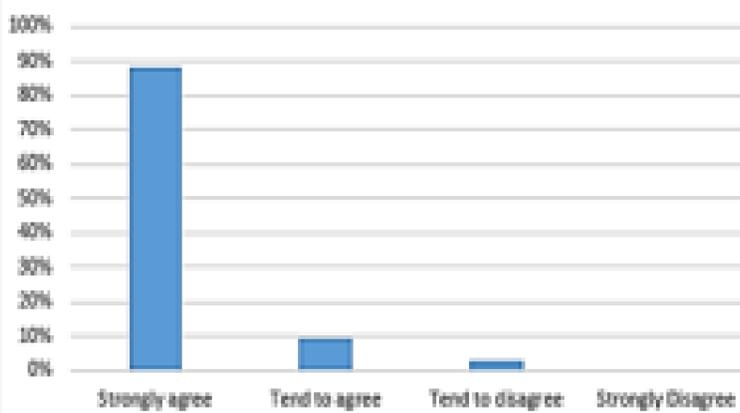
The school works closely with parents



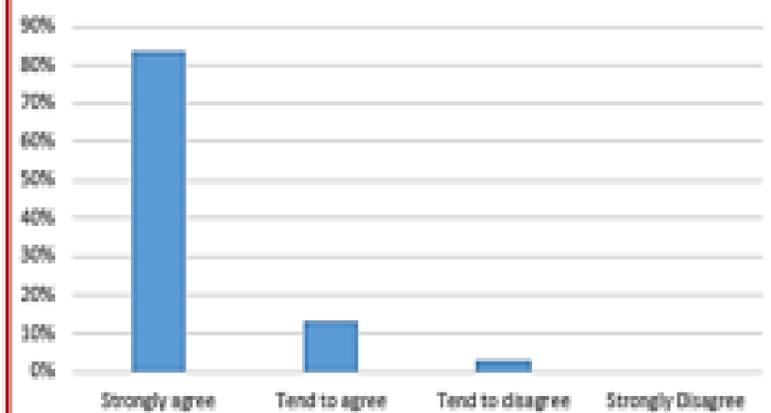
The school is well led and managed



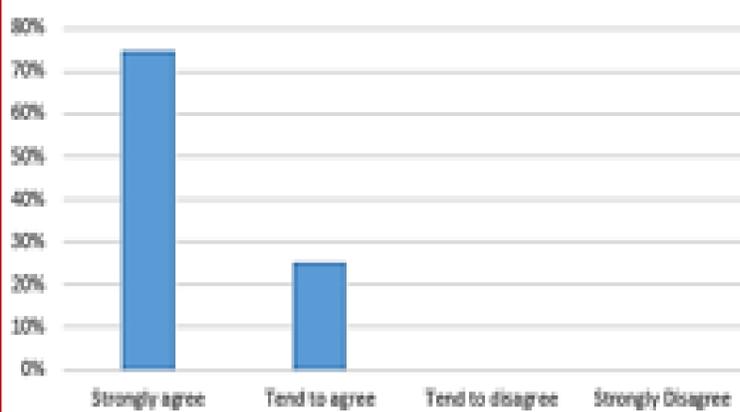
The school is helping my child become mature and responsible



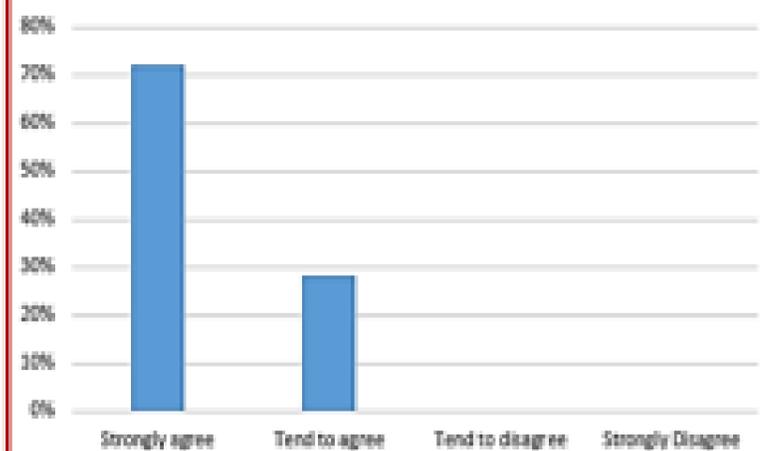
The school provides an interesting range of activities outside of lessons

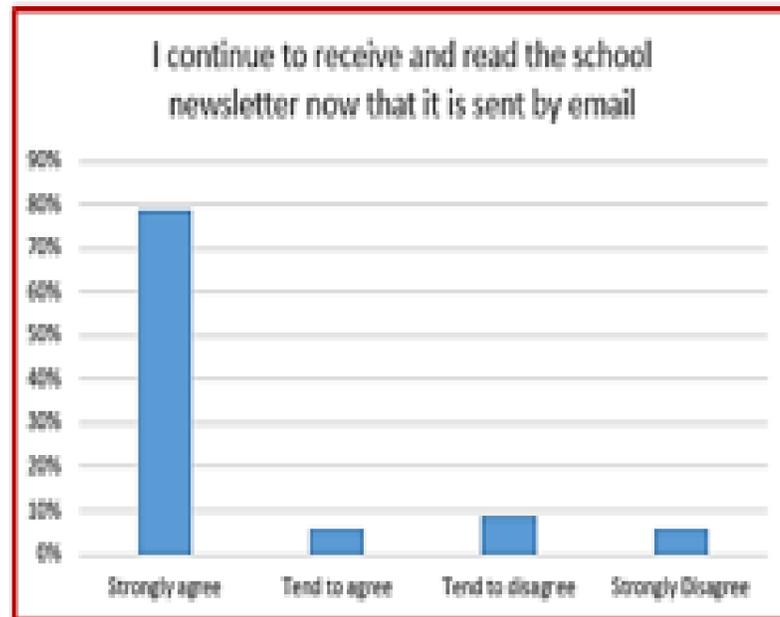
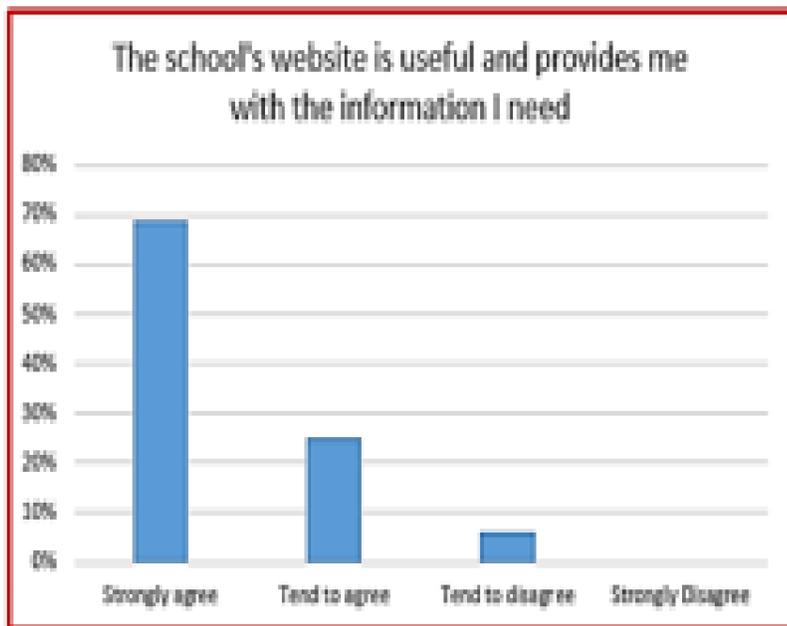


I know how to help my child get better at reading writing and maths



I know how to keep my child safe online





### Additional Comments (things that parents/carers believed would improve Holbeach School):

- Improve the air pollution by all parents turning off their car engines whilst waiting on Doggett Road (Anti-idling)
- Closing the roads around the school to cars and other traffic
- Increasing the number of traffic calming measures (e.g. a pedestrian zone around school for drop off/pickup times)
- More funding so that the school can employ more teachers and support staff
- Homework (home learning) could be made compulsory
- More before/after school provision if possible [There is currently a long waiting list for the Breakfast Club and the After School Club]
- More interaction between Reception pupils and the older children
- Making the big black gates the “exit” and the small gate an “entrance only” gate at drop-off in the morning. Some late-comers struggle to get in as buggies are going out.
- Shelters in the playground for rain/sun
- More playground equipment
- More choice with the school dinners if a child particularly dislikes a dish
- Promoting Lewisham Secondary Schools to year 6 children/parent (perhaps via parents who have older children already at schools)