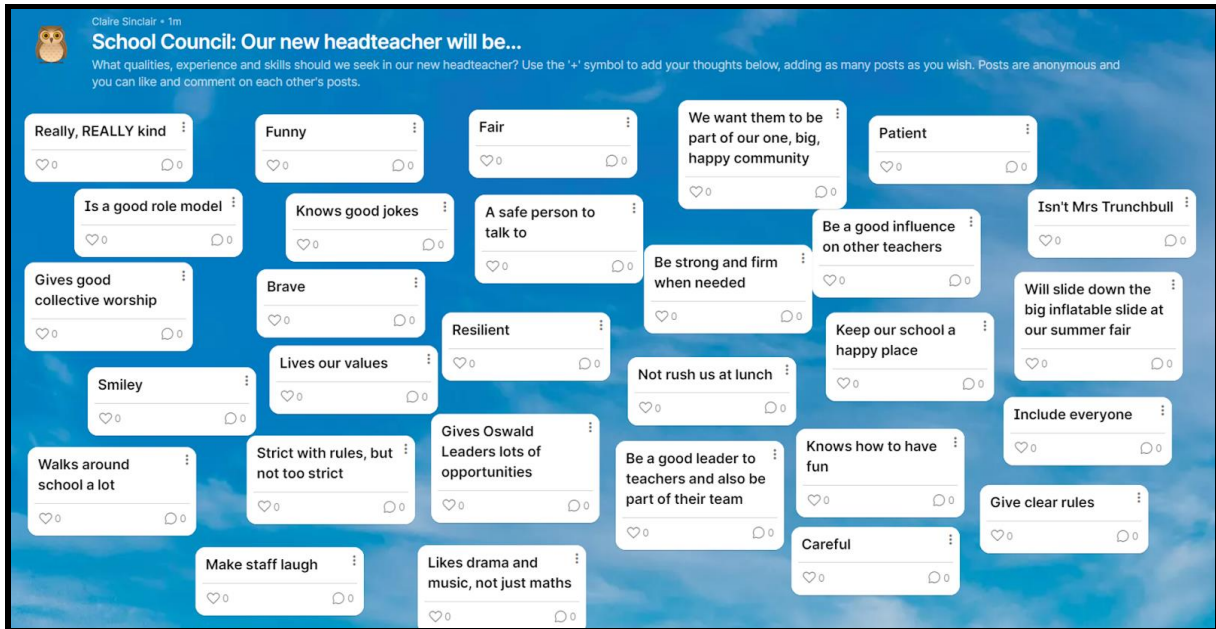


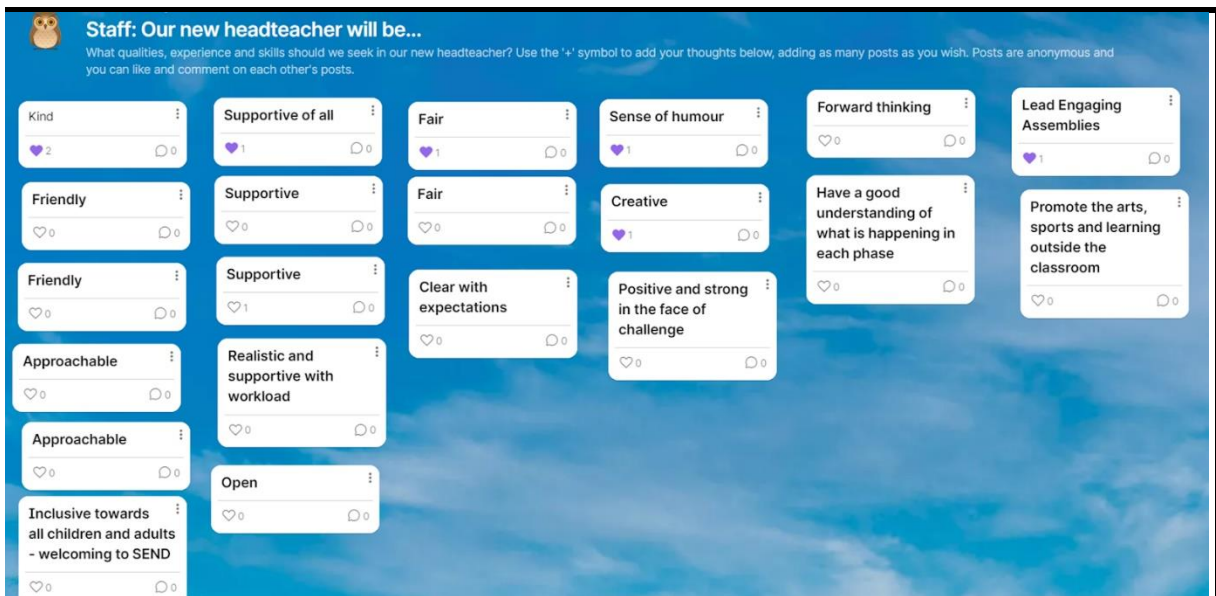
Pupil Voice

We asked 9 members of the school council, who represent all classes from year 1 to 6, what qualities they would like governors to seek in the new headteacher. We had a wonderful discussion that they were all excited to participate in. This is what they told us:



Staff Voice

We invited school staff across the school to brainstorm the qualities and skills they would like to see in our new headteacher. Here is a summary of what they told us:



Parent Voice

Parents are well represented on the governing body, with two elected parent governors and two co-opted governors who are also parents.

Our parents are generally engaged and supportive of the school. Community events are well attended and we have an active “Friends of St Oswald’s school, Fulford (FOSOSF) parent group who organise regular community and fundraising events.

Our most recent parent survey, conducted in July 2022, garnered 96 responses and identified the following areas as particular strengths of the school:

1. Compassionate staff
2. Quality of teaching and learning
3. Richness of curriculum and activities on offer
4. Communication between school and home

| Statement | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Don't know |
|--|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| My child is happy at this school. | 49% | 48% | 1% | 0% | 2% |
| My child feels safe at this school. | 54% | 44% | 1% | 0% | 1% |
| I would recommend St Oswald’s CE primary school to another parent. | 53% | 41% | 0% | 0% | 6% |

“I'd like to thank you for 8 brilliant years of education for my two. My youngest leaves next month. During very difficult times in recent years the school has been exceptional in my mind and has still managed to prepare my children incredibly well for their future education. You have been supportive and caring, at times firm but fair and have continually fostered a supportive environment for learning. Every single teacher my kids have had has been exceptional. I really couldn't have asked for anything else”

“Staff go above and beyond at every opportunity to support our children. They are caring, compassionate and completely dedicated. children are well behaved and happy Recent sports matches, sports days, arts evenings have been wonderful opportunities for the family to share the school experience with the staff and children.”

“Your teaching staff are brilliant at nurturing and encouraging my daughter. They are the school's greatest strength. I also feel that the topics covered are relevant to everyday life and help my daughter understand different types of people and their customs much better and in a positive way.”

“The values the school teaches the children. I feel as a parent my child has learnt values that make him a better person, not just academic skill. I also think the lessons and subjects that are taught are creative and engaging. I love that my son comes home and is proud to tell me the things he's learnt. My son's current phase (year ½), has brilliant teachers and I can tell they really care about my son's welfare. There have been multiple occasions where my son has come home and told me about things the teachers have done to make him feel comfortable at school. Overall I think the school is great.”

“- The children are well cared for - It always feels welcoming and the staff are very approachable. - A wide range of sporting opportunities offered. - Exciting trips and learning opportunities available - We like the 'stunning starts!' - There are lots of visitors that come in to enrich the curriculum.”

"The St Oswald's staff team genuinely care about the children, both their learning and their wellbeing. Individual class teachers are readily available and responsive to contact from parents. Performance evening was a lovely way to celebrate all the creativity and talent among the students. Teaching staff are generally of high calibre, and incredibly kind. Sports mornings are fun for all!"

"Caring environment, excellent and professional staff and great communication. I enjoy the new experience of collective worship, it's magical and I also really found the benefit of the recent "times table" testing brief for parents that we had."

"Happiness - kids and teachers are always happy and the school has a feeling of genuine joy. Kids are encouraged at the right level - so children of different levels are all supported appropriately. The children are all completely inclusive which is wonderful and comes from the teachers. There is genuine warmth in the school. Academically, I have found if one of my children needs additional support the teachers have spoken to me about how I can help. I have no experience of other UK schools but I think you've set the benchmark high!"