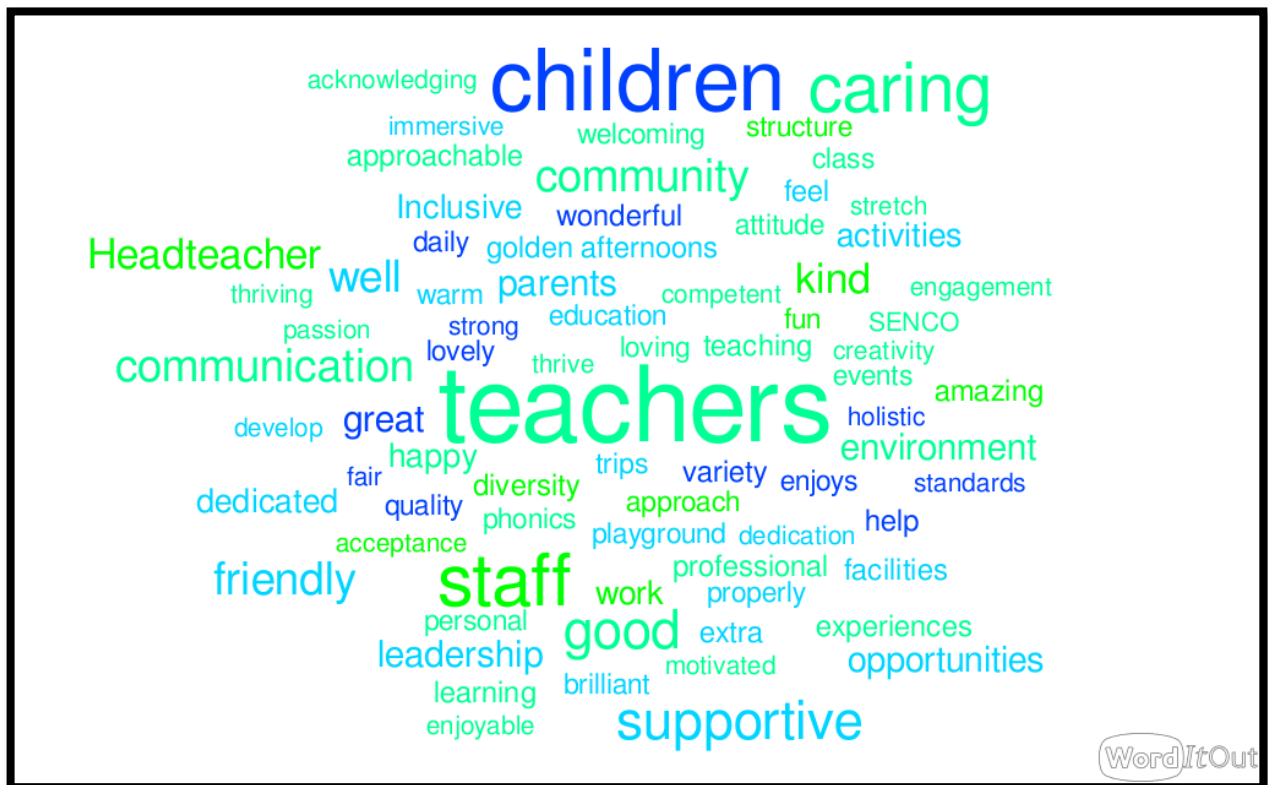


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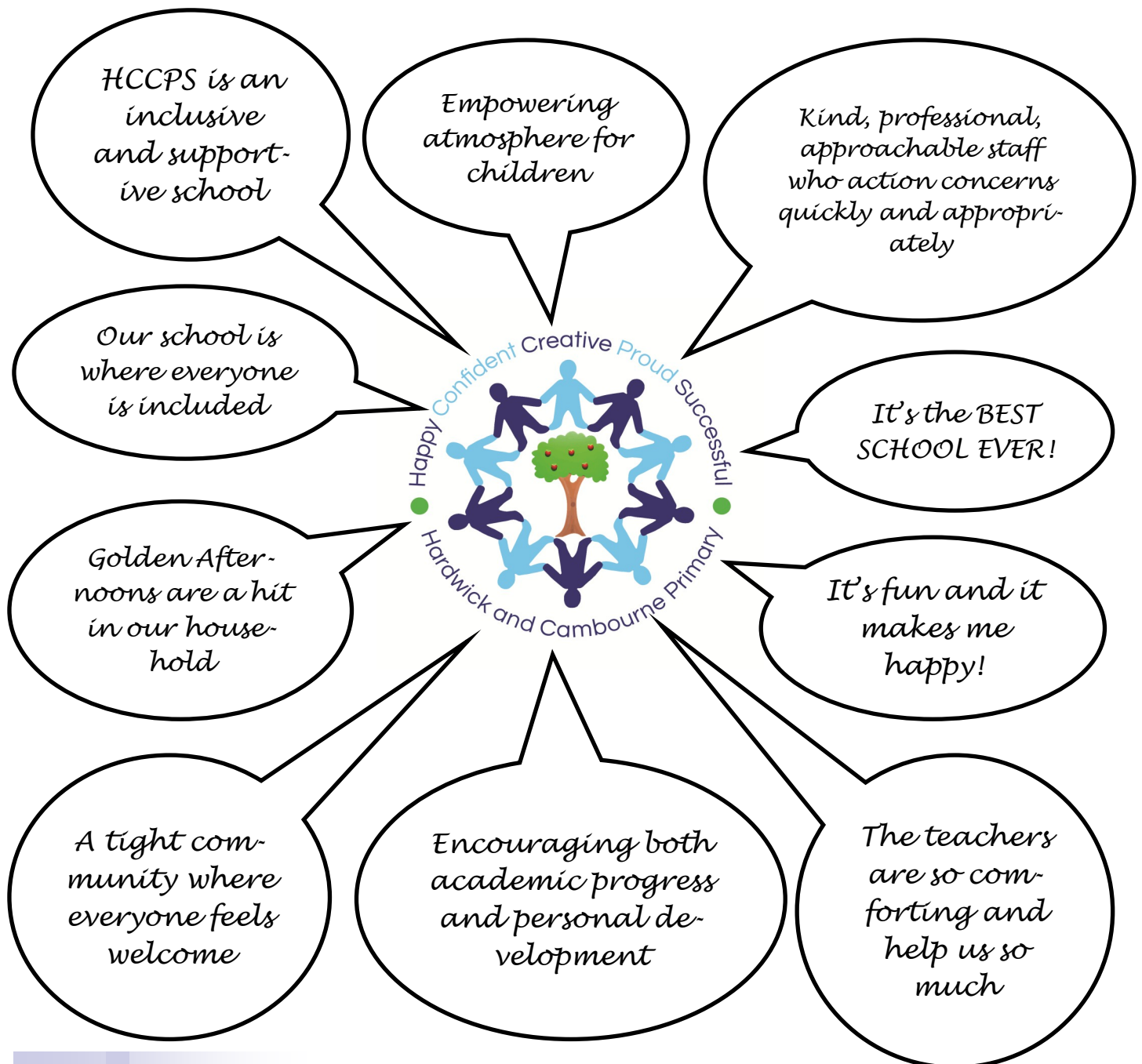
Celebrating Us!

Last half term, we took time to gather the views of parents, children and staff about what makes our school such a special place. Through conversations, surveys and pupil voice activities, we listened carefully to what our community values most. It was wonderful to hear that the school is highly valued for its **caring and dedicated staff** with parents overwhelmingly highlighting teachers as kind, supportive, passionate and genuinely invested in children’s wellbeing and success. A powerful **sense of community** was another defining strength, with parents and children appreciating the welcoming, inclusive atmosphere. We were also recognised for our **inclusive ethos and diversity**, ensuring all children feel supported, including those with additional needs. All involved also valued the **broad curriculum and enrichment opportunities**, including trips, extra-curricular activities, music, themed learning experience and of course ‘Golden Afternoons.’



Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts — your feedback helps us celebrate our strengths and continue to grow together.

I thought I would share with you just a few of the lovely quotes we received from parents and children about our school.



Shaping our next steps

At HCCPS, we are always striving for continuous improvement and we are not afraid to reflect honestly on the areas where we can do even better. From the feedback gathered, three key themes emerged:

Parental communication — particularly the volume of emails;

The physical environment — including playground cleanliness, requests for additional playground equipment, and parking concerns;

Home learning, alongside the effectiveness of the use of technology.

We are grateful for this constructive feedback and will be reviewing these areas carefully over the next half term to consider how they can be thoughtfully and effectively addressed.

Administering Medicines

Message from the school office: This is a reminder that school is only able to administer **pre-scribed antibiotics** where a completed medical administration form has been submitted in advance. Medication must be clearly labelled with the child's name and dosage instructions as provided by the pharmacist. Without the appropriate paperwork in place, staff are unable to administer medication. This not only ensures that we meet our safeguarding and health and safety requirements, but also that all medication is given safely and accurately.

Parental Conduct

It is essential that communication between families remains respectful, courteous and child-centred at all times. Any concerns relating to children should be raised directly with the school so that they can be managed appropriately, fairly and in line with safeguarding procedures, rather than being addressed informally between parents. As outlined in our parental Code of Conduct, we expect all members of our school community to model respectful behaviour, avoid confrontation and work collaboratively with staff to resolve concerns in a constructive and professional manner.

Wraparound

Our wraparound care provision continues to offer a safe, welcoming and engaging environment for children before and after the school day. The sessions provide a calm start in the morning and relaxed, structured space in the afternoon, with a range of activities designed to support wellbeing, creativity and social development. We currently have spaces available in both breakfast and after school provision on both sites. If you would like further information, or wish to book a place, please contact the school office or email wraparound@hardwick.cambs.sch.uk

Safeguarding—Talking about trusted adults

In school we have been talking about **trusted adults**. We are encouraging all families to talk with their children about who their trusted adults are. Children should know that if something worries or upsets them—whether at school, at home or online—they can speak to a trusted adult who will listen and help. You might ask your children: “*Who are five adults you could talk to if you needed help?*” Reassure them that they will never get in trouble for sharing a worry. Keeping these conversations open and ongoing helps children feel safe, supported and confident to speak up.