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Feedback on the 2015/16 Parent Survey

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you very much to all those of you who responded to our parent questionnaires. We had 91 responses, representing 123 children at the school. We have analysed your answers carefully, and your comments and feedback have fed into our School Development Plan 2016/17, which informs the direction of our school this academic year.

We are very grateful for your support of our school, especially the support you have shown through the various changes taking place over the last two years: to mention only the latest challenges for leadership, teaching staff and governors, we have seen the introduction of the New Curriculum, which also brought an emphasis on teaching greater breadth of the curriculum, rather than the next 'level' as before. At the same time, assessment levels were abolished, which presented further challenges as to how we measure and then communicate progress and attainment to you.

Below you will find a table detailing the survey questions and your responses. We have also outlined what measures we have put in place following your feedback.

We are proud to have received many responses which were equally positive or even improved from last year. We are particularly pleased that **93% of you have told us that your child is happy at school** and that **96% of you said your child feels safe at school**. Teaching staff and leadership are very pleased that so many of you said your **child is well taught at St. Mary's (91%)**, that you said **your child is making good progress at St Mary's (88%)** and that so many of you agreed that **your child receives appropriate homework (81%)**.

Following your feedback we have already put curriculum letters online and introduced the bronze, silver and gold levels for homework in all classes.

Of course, we don't take these high ratings for granted and we would like to see 100% approval ratings, so we are very grateful for your feedback, which we have taken on board along with your suggestions.

On the following issues you have told us that we need to improve and this is what we have decided to do improve further in line with our aim of striving for excellence:

67% of you agreed that there are sufficient sporting opportunities available for your child(ren).

We are constantly monitoring and reviewing sporting and sports competition opportunities and will continue to communicate these to parents. We have recruited Game On to provide PE lessons as well as after-school sports clubs and the aim is to extend the number and variety of these clubs in the spring and summer terms 2017. In addition, we have parent volunteers who run clubs, and if any other parents/carers would like to run a sports club, we would be grateful to hear from you.

59% of you agreed that St Mary's offers a good range of extra-curricular activities.

Along with sports clubs we are also continually reviewing other extra-curricular provision and we try hard to coordinate the times of clubs per year group and communicate this to parents. Our teachers give up their valuable time to run some of these clubs and we do have the capacity to run specific clubs in classrooms after school. We always welcome suggestions what type of clubs would be of interest and have been lucky enough that a parent has come forward to set up a book club, which was a suggestion from you. Please email the school office or use the suggestion box if you have ideas for a club, know of a provider we could engage or could help run a club yourself - we are open for suggestions!

82% of you agreed that there is a good standard of behaviour at St Mary's.

This is a high approval rating but we think we can do better. Earlier this year we introduced our new Behaviour Policy, which was enthusiastically embraced by staff and children, and it has already had a positive effect on the behaviour of the children, both during lessons and play time. Furthermore, the children have been learning about mindfulness, work collaboration, the learning heroes and the growth mindset to increase their self-esteem, foster understanding and avoid conflict.

We are also offering more lunchtime activities to keep the children engaged at playtime, including clubs and the new trim trail in the lower playground, and we have deployed an extra person during playtimes. The governors have set behaviour as a monitoring target and will monitor playtime behaviour by carrying out specific visits.

During Cool To Be Kind Week we revisit the issue of bullying and the language we can use to describe it to teach the children the difference between fall-outs, hurtful incidents and bullying. We also continue to have class discussions about bullying as part of PSHE lessons and we reinforce the messages with the children in different ways. We will continue to ensure parents are kept informed of measures taken when incidents occurs.

83% of you said it is easy to raise any concerns to the school (Open door policy with class teacher, Parent Forum, Link book)

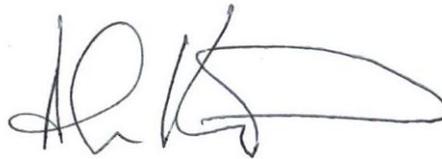
We would like to remind you that you are always welcome to discuss any concerns you may have with your child's class teacher. In turn, it is also important to know that class teachers will contact you if they have concerns about the progress or behaviour of your child.

All classes operate a link book system, which should be used for short messages only. Anything confidential should be communicated to the teacher via the telephone. Please request a call back via the link book or by emailing or calling the school office. To convey an urgent message to the class teacher in the morning, please leave a message with the school office, which will pass it on.

The curriculum letters are sent out via the Schoolcomms systems and you can also find them on our website.

Once again, thank you for responding to the parent survey. We are very grateful and feel encouraged by all the positive feedback we have had, but we also know that we have more work to do on our journey to achieving excellence and that is why we appreciate your feedback so much.

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St. Mary's C of E Primary School Parent Questionnaire 2016					
	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
2. My child is happy at school	47	46	6	0	1
3. My child feels safe at school	43	53	3	0	0
4. The school ensures my child is well looked after	36	57	7	0	1
5. St Mary's meets my child's particular needs	24	64	10	1	1
6. My child is well taught at St Mary's	35	56	5	0	5
7. My child is making good progress at St Mary's	29	55	12	0	5
8. My child receives appropriate homework	18	63	16	0	3
9. There are sufficient sporting opportunities available for my child	9	58	20	5	8
10. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress (Parent consultations, Annual report)	19	63	12	1	5
11. The school keeps me well informed (Weekly newsletters, Emergency texts, Link books, Open classrooms, Website, Parent Forum minutes)	37	58	5	0	0
12. There is a good standard of behaviour at St Mary's	20	62	12	0	7
13. The school deals with any cases of bullying effectively. (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying).	5	28	16	2	49
14. It is easy to raise any concerns to the school (Open door policy with class teacher, Parent Forum, Link book)	29	54	12	2	4
15. The school responds well to any concerns I raise (2015: ... to my concerns)	22	47	13	2	16
16. St Mary's offers a good range of extracurricular activities	11	48	33	1	7
17. The school is well led and managed	35	57	5	0	4
18. Would you recommend this school to another parent? (yes/no/don't know)	83			5	12

St Mary's Pupil Survey 2016

Headlines

Thanks to all the St Mary's pupils who completed this year's annual survey, which took place in March 2016. Well done and thank you to those parents and carers of children who supported their children to complete the survey and provide all the fantastic and valuable comments. The vast majority of you said you enjoy being at school, which is great news! We are setting out below a feedback summary from the survey results.

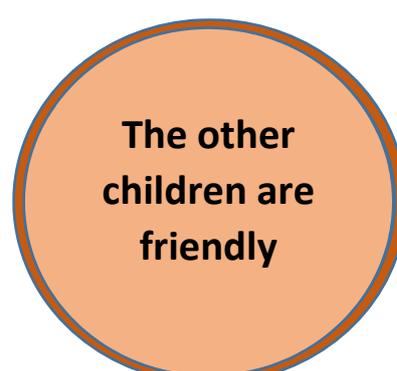
Top 3 Survey results:



99% of you found your lessons fun and said that you find out new things.



99% of you feel safe at school and 90% of you felt you have an adult to go to if you are worried. Remember you can always go to your teacher or classroom assistant.



"It's cool to be kind" and 99% of you said other children were friendly and 93% of you enjoy playtime.

Where we can do better:



18% of you don't know how well you are doing at school, so we will keep a focus on peer reviews and sharing "end of year expectations" with you.



We have tried to provide as many clubs this year as we can to satisfy demand, we're now running over 20 clubs!



Since the survey we've had the trim trail installed and will shortly be introducing the story shack, which we know you'll enjoy.

Summary of Responses:

Question	😊	🙂	😐	😞	🤔
	Yes	Mostly	Sometimes	No	Don't know
	%				
Do you like being at this school?	69	19	10	4	
Is it important to you to be at a church school?	80			20	
Do you find the church services interesting and engaging?	44	27	20	9	
Are your lessons interesting and fun?	64	26	11	1	
Do you find out new things in lessons?	78	16	7	1	
Do you have to work hard at school?	71	14	12	3	
Do you know what to do when you get stuck with your work?	76	13	9	2	
Do your teachers show you how to make your work better?	77	14	8	2	
Do you get homework that is enjoyable and that gives you a challenge?	43	30	20	8	
Do you know how well you are doing at school?	8	27	17	18	
Do you enjoy your PE lessons?	0	12	12	6	
Are the teachers fair to you?	75	16	8	1	
Do teachers listen to your ideas?	76	15	8	1	
Are you trusted to do things on your own at school?	94			6	
Do you feel safe at school?	81	13	6	1	
Are you treated fairly and with respect by everyone at school?	57	30	10	3	
Are the other children at our school friendly?	52	38	9	1	
Do other children behave well at our school?	35	42	19	4	
Do you enjoy playtimes?	93			7	
Is there an adult you would go to if you were worried?	90			10	
Have you been bullied at school this year?*	14			63	23

Here are some of the things you said about school:

I enjoy lessons and love my friends.

The best thing about my school is that we can make friends and we learn cool stuff.

When you go on the friendship bench there is always someone to help you.

I would like more things to do in the playground. What I would REALLY like would be a climbing frame.

I'd like a quiet study room to read or work in

I like English and science/experiments, spending time with my friends and learning.

There are lovely teachers.

I like learning and playing with friends.

It's fun. There are good things to do. Golden time and playtime. Writing.

I love the teachers. I love choosing.

I'd like a better library.

I would change some rules like no chasing at playtime!

I like eating Mrs Bates birthday cake, tidy up and star of the day.

Well I like playing games and we do that a lot. I like being in Reception because we play and there's an outside as well.

I'd like more clubs, Lego club, sewing club again, computer club, cricket club. I would like to do cooking.

There are nice lunches and Teachers. I like learning and playing with friends.

The teachers make sure everyone is safe and making sure everyone has a good education.