St. Mary's C of E School Parent Survey July 2016

Thank you to the 26 parents and carers who recently completed our survey. The results are below. As in previous years we will work hard on the areas that need improvement in the coming year. We aim to get *every* statement as 100% strongly agree or agree.

96% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: My child likes school

92% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: My child is making good progress.

(4% don't know)

100% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: Children are polite and well behaved

96% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: Pupil and staff respect each other and create a good working atmosphere(4% don't know)

100% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: The school is a safe place. 96% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: The teaching is good.

(4% don't know)

96% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: I am kept well informed about how my child is doing.

(4% disagree)

96% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: My child feels confident that their thoughts and ideas are listened to.

(4% don't know)

100% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: I would feel comfortable approaching the school with a question or complaint.

100% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: Staff expect my child to work hard and achieve his/her best.

96% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: The school is well led and managed.

(4% don't know)

92% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: The school is well organised.

(4% disagree, 4% don't know)

96% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: Staff are committed to the work of the school and want all pupils to achieve high `

standards.

(4% disagree)

100% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: Staff treat my child fairly.

96% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: The school seeks the views of parents and takes into account their suggestions and

concerns.

(4% don't know)

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96% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: The school provides appropriate homework

(4% disagree)

100% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: The school is helping my child become mature and independent.

100% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: There is a good range of after school activities that interest my child.

100% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: The school is outward looking contributes to the local community and is well thought of.

96% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: The school actively involved governors, parents and other people in its work.

(4% don't know)

96% of responses strongly agree or agree with the statement: The school reflects the ethos and practise of a Church of England School

We have designed our own curriculum. Are there any aspects you like/dislike? (this can include topic leaflets and homework):

Homework

- Weekly homework is great, spelling and reading too but half term holiday homework is overloaded, the pressure is heavy to complete a project in what should be valued, precious, family time
- I would prefer less homework. My child needs time to socialise and play with friends. I do understand that homework is part raising standards.
- Homework books rather than pieces of paper. I would like to know marks for spellings so I can support more at home and continue to test at home.

Topic leaflets

- More information about topic in leaflet e.g. wider reading for topic, extra activities for maths and literacy
- Enjoy the topic leaflets -would like more photos of school trips

Curriculum

- I feel very happy about how the curriculum has worked this year. My child has not only been guided towards National Expectations but also looked at as an individual.
- Have enjoyed all the field trips in class 1 this year, the children have learnt so much on these and they are the perfect complement to class based learning. I hope this continues next year. Many thank!

SATs

• The approach to SATs in class 2was very well handled so it became fun rather than stressful for the children

Reports

• I was particularly happy with the layout of her annual report and felt the teacher really got to know my child. I really appreciated the personal touch and that the child had a voice. Thank you everyone at St Mary's.

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Is there any particular aspect of the school with which you are pleased?

- St Mary's is a great school providing quality lessons in a fun and enjoyable way. If a child needs help with any problems the school provides it with respect, expertise and kindness. St Mary's pupils stand out at being considerate and helpful and this is out of school too.
- The head teacher and all the staff I have met have been approachable, professional, friendly and kind. My child is benefiting hugely from being at St Mary's and is now happy and thriving. Thank you.

Is there anything that you think we could do to make school life better for your child?

Communication

- Is poor for advance warning, text sent last minute, if clubs are cancelled as child care is then difficult to sort
- Could you use the website/facebook more?
- Suggestions for topic related outings during the holidays would be good.

26 replies out of 184 questionnaires returned – 14%

Please remember if you have any concerns to talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance and if you still have concerns then please make an appointment to see Mrs Tyreman, head teacher.