

## OTHER NEWS

**Thank you to Mr Chris Lees** who has served on the Governing Body for a number of years. We thank him for his contribution to the school community and wish him well in the future.

**Welcome to our new Governors Mrs Sarah Cox**, Parent Governor and Mrs Anna White, Foundation Governor.

**We send our good wishes to Year 6** who will be leaving St Mary's RC Primary School at the end of this academic year to begin the next stage in their educational development.

**The Governors would like to thank Miss Collins and all the staff of St Mary's RC Primary** for their continual, dedication and professional manner in which they support all Stakeholders within the school community.

**The Governors would also like to thank the Friends of St Mary's** for their continued support and fundraising for the school. They have helped to fund the ICT equipment across school, the new playground trim trail and the new Reception play area.

**To enhance the communication with parents/carers we are upgrading the school website** and making it more user friendly. This will be up and running by the start of the new academic year.



# St Mary's R.C. Primary School

## RICHMOND



## GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER 2014

Thank you to all of the parents/carers for taking the time to complete and return the questionnaire. The questionnaire findings will be discussed at the next full Governing Body Meeting and any actions will be reflected in the School Development Plan 2014 to 2015.

35 out of 66 returns made comments and of these the main themes were parent/carer school communication, after school clubs, more PE, consistency of teachers due to absence and happy with the school overall.

### GOVERNING BODY MEMBERSHIP

**Mr S Lawson**, Chair of Governors,  
Foundation Governor

**Fr D O'Neill**, Foundation Governor

**Mrs A Kane**, Vice Chair, Foundation Governor

**Mrs D King**, Foundation Governor

**Mrs R Hadfield**, Foundation Governor

**Mrs A White**, Foundation Governor

**Mrs S Weston**, Associate Governor (LA)

**Mrs S Cox**, Parent Governor

**Miss J Collins**, Head Teacher

**Mrs K Whitehead**, Staff Governor

**Miss V Woodcraft**, Staff Governor

## St Mary's RC Primary, Richmond VISION STATEMENT

*We want St Mary's to provide a positive, happy experience for all learners to be able to make progress in their learning, acquire basic skills and become confident, successful individuals who want to make a positive contribution to the world around them.*

*We have a shared responsibility to provide learning for all people in the school community to achieve their full potential.*



### SOME OF THE PARENT VIEW COMMENTS

"I am happy with my child's progress at this school. Excellent school!"

"It would be nice to have some musical after school activities."

"My child has settled very quickly and loves going to school every day. He enjoys being in his class environment. We are very pleased how well he has progressed since starting school. Overall we are happy with the school and the great level of teaching given to our child."

"We feel the school has an excellent ethos, which is both welcoming and supportive."



“School to parent communication about events or changes to staff could be improved. Overall we are happy with the school and our child is thriving there.”

“One criticism is that communication can be poor and often seems to be on a need to know basis. This frequently leads to playground rumours and speculation which can be very detrimental to parent opinion. Information sent home is sometimes not clear and has to be followed up by asking questions at reception.”

“After school clubs could be better with perhaps something like a decent art club. Some primaries offer

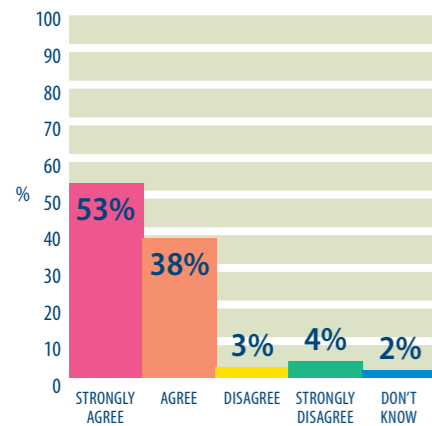
breakfast/homework clubs – any chance of offering this to help working parents? Maybe link with the Methodist school.”

“It would be nice to see a wider range of extra-curricular activities on offer, provided free of charge.”

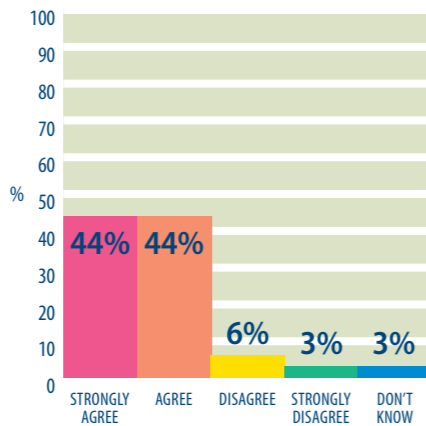
“There have been many occasions over the last couple of years when a lack of notice, as working parents, has caused us significant difficulty in attending/supporting events. A termly list of key dates would be really beneficial.”

“Staff are always visible and approachable both before and after school.”

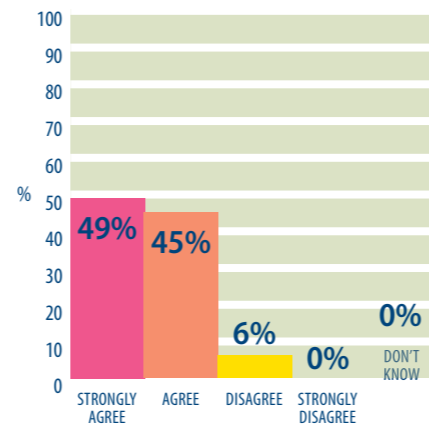
## QUESTIONNAIRE FINDINGS



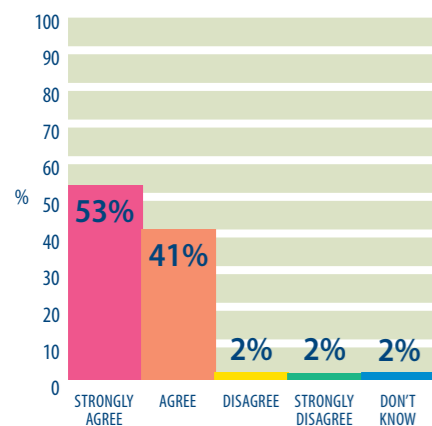
My child is happy at this school



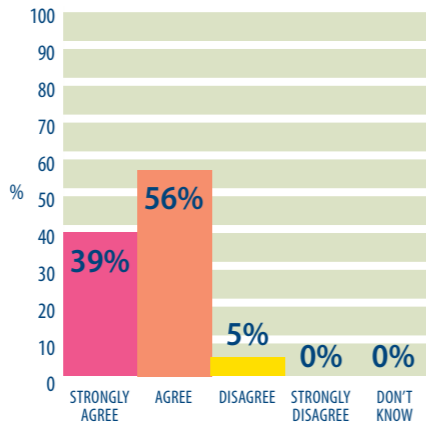
My child is making expected progress at this school



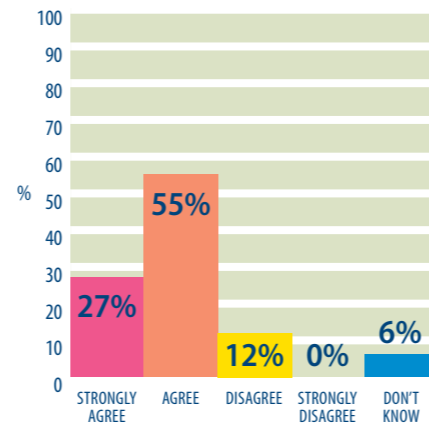
My child enjoys their learning at this school



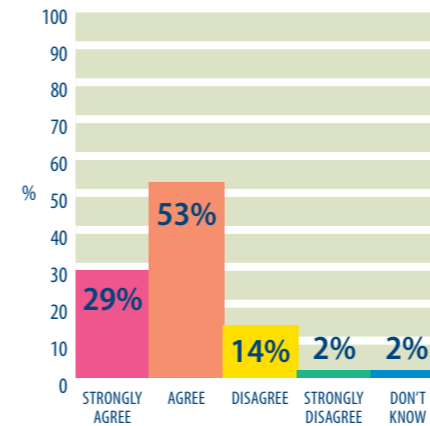
My child feels safe at this school



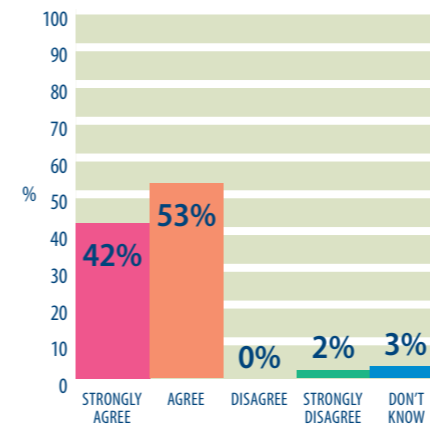
The teaching is good at this school



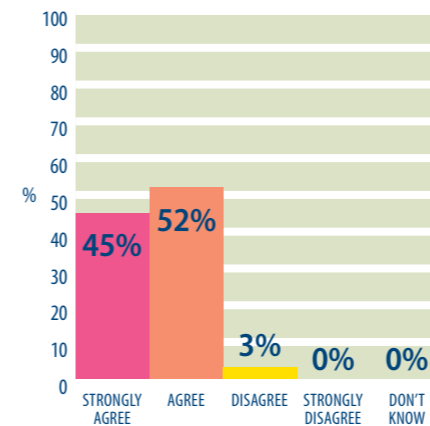
My child receives appropriate homework for their age



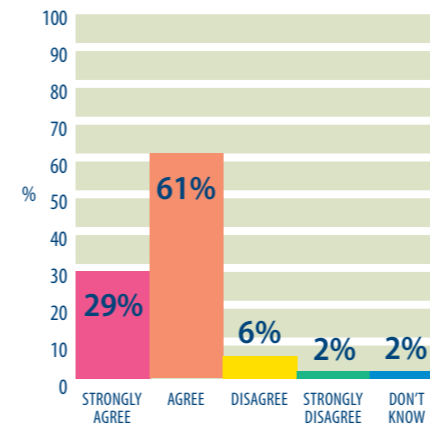
The school informs me about my child's progress



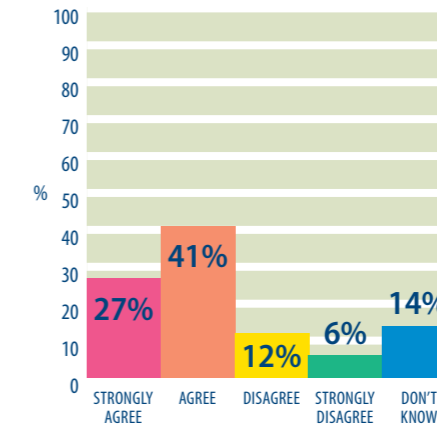
The Catholic ethos of the school is prevalent



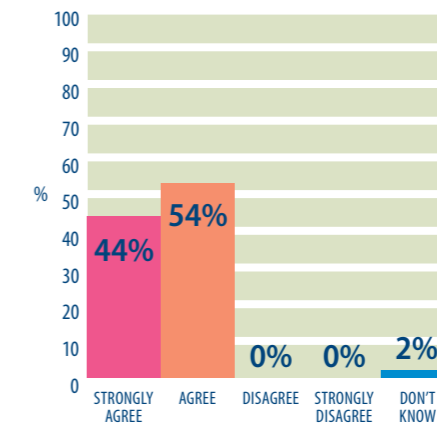
The school promotes a healthy lifestyle for my child



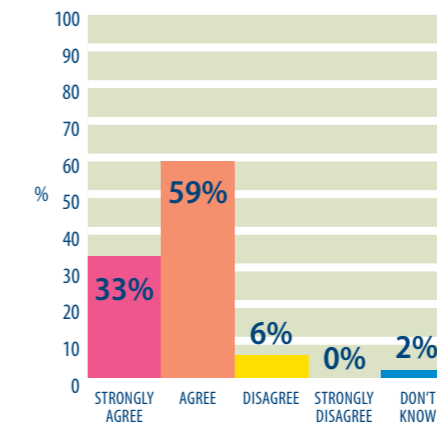
The school meets parental expectations



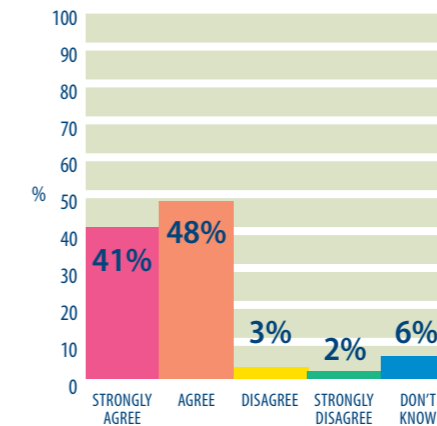
The school deals effectively with inappropriate behaviour



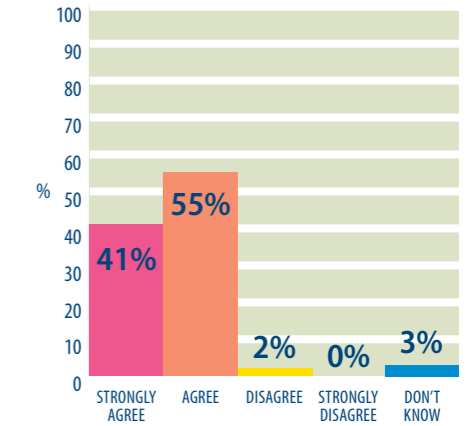
The school is a welcoming environment for all parents/carers



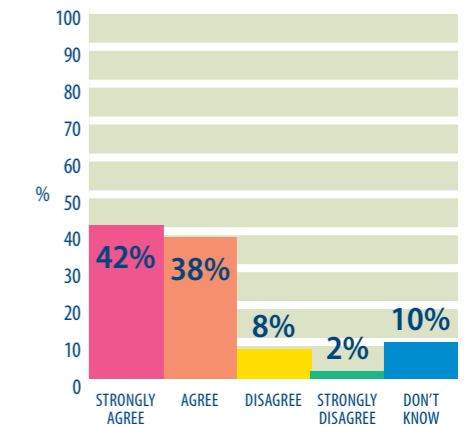
The school meets my child's particular needs



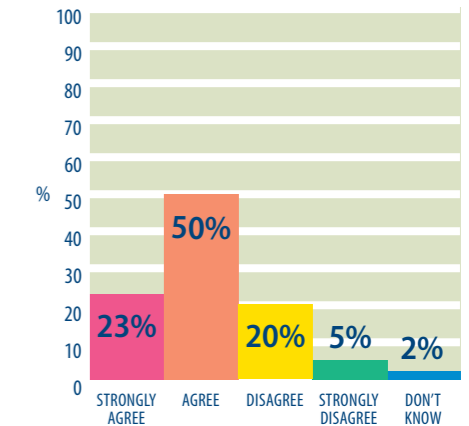
Would you recommend the school to another parent?



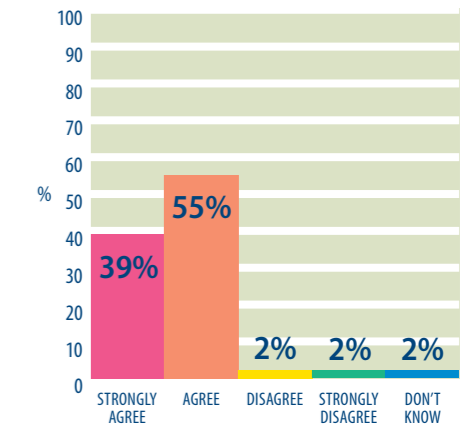
The school is well led and managed



The school responds well to any concerns I raise



The school has a good range of after school clubs



Overall I am happy with the school