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WITH CHRIST AT ITS CENTRE

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What do you like most about the school?

The ethos of the school that the children are taught to look after each other. The staff and the children are very caring. The small size of the school is good. The children's good behavior and the friendly staff. A very good range of activities. Excellent resources for such a small school. The school promotes caring values and continues to develop of activities provided for extra-curricular experiences. Friendly, welcoming atmosphere. The staff support the individual talents of pupils. I like everything about the school.

What areas would you like us to develop?

More photos and regular updates, the use of a blog would be nice.

The children could be read with more often.

Parents have asked for help and been turned away in the past. More support for working parents including later parents evening slots. Creativity and sociability could be developed.

Missing information and not finding parent pay very helpful. Not happy to have things electronically. The emails are often not responded to. Development of the language scheme.

The school now has its own twitter page. Twitter is updated regularly with exciting events, achievements and developments in the school. The website is updated weekly, parents can look at the class pages for updates, a newsletter once a week, letters detailing trips have been uploaded, Rising Stars information, Phonic updates, Science week packs etc.



The children in Reception, 1, 2, 3 and the Fresh Start group are listened to every day and their planners are stamped to indicate this. We also have two parent helpers who listen to the children in Oak and Willow once a week. Children in Willow and Oak are listened to by their Buddy in Year 6 once a week. The Library Loan service runs on a Monday where children in Willow and Oak can loan out a bag of fiction and non-fiction books for a week. KS2 Library Loan Service is nearly ready to start.



Where possible the staff try to be flexible with the times that they are available during Parents evenings and this will be raised again prior to the next meet.



Parent Pay is running a lot more efficiently now. We are looking to move completely to BACS payments. The school will hope to hand the management and bookings of NMPAT music tuition over to NMPAT themselves in September to make this easier.



St Mary's now has five phone lines and a new answering machine so that you may leave messages and equally so that you are more likely to get through. Parents can also contact Rising Stars directly.



We are always looking at ways to improve the resources that we have and the variety of lessons that we teach. We have just invested in a new music programme called Charanga which the class teachers will be implementing after the half term. In the meantime Willow class is trailing this exciting new scheme.



St Marys has been supported by BGN in the development of our French programme and have given us new French resources. We are also looking into a new scheme that the staff with support can deliver which gives the children in KS2 the opportunity to learn Spanish.



Kind regards,

Laura Concannon.

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Chair of Governors: Mrs R Iley

