



ST MARY'S  
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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much to those parents who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire. We are pleased to say that the response was overwhelmingly positive, with 99% of parents saying they would recommend the school to someone else

However, there are two areas we need to improve on:

Sharing how your child is doing in school.

Ensuring all pupils are recognised and rewarded for their success.

We have taken swift action and timetabled in a 'Starbooks' session. You will be able to look at all your child's books; your child can talk you through their learning and then there will be an opportunity to speak to their teacher. If as a parent you ever would like to see your child's work or speak to the teacher, please just send an email to book an appointment.

In addition to this, we are currently updating our website with curriculum information, for each subject and year group long term plans, so you can see what your child is being taught and when. The children in KS2 have access to EdShed and Times Tables rockstars, as well as library books to take home and share; this will allow parents to see where they are working in spelling, punctuation, grammar and maths. In KS1 and reception, our focus is to ensure all children are reading daily.

We are taking steps to ensure all children are rewarded for good attitude and effort. Today, our Arbor points app will go live. This allows you to track at home, your child's effort and rewards. Both positive and negative points are recorded on the app. Please see our Positive Behaviour and Relationship policy to see when a child may incur a negative behaviour point. Positive behaviour points are 'Learn to Earn' points and as the saying goes: points mean prizes. Children can cash in their points for prizes in our 'Learn to Earn' shop. Winning classes and houses will also receive rewards.

Weekly we have 'Fabulous Friday' which starts with a celebration assembly and our golden ticket winners are announced. The children then receive their golden ticket reward that day. Children receive headteacher's awards on a Friday for a fabulous piece of work. In addition to this we have a weekly 'Spirit of St Mary's' award for a child who continually lives out our values.

We do appreciate your feedback and the strong partnership we have between school and home. If you ever want to get in touch to ask a question or would like further information, then please just email us

[enquiries@stmarys.npcat.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stmarys.npcat.org.uk)

This week we will share a pupil questionnaire. As you may see from our website, we are growing future leaders at St Mary's with many opportunities for our older children to lead in and work with our younger children. Our Year 6 prefects will put together the questionnaire to





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ensure all our pupils at St Mary's have a voice. The prefects, supported by staff, will put together any development points from the questionnaire.

We are extremely proud of our school. Now we have been able to welcome visitors into school, one thing that is continually commented on is how kind, caring and polite our children are - they are a credit to you all. It is lovely to be able to empower our older children with leadership positions and our younger children to see them as role models.

Finally, we will resume our parent teacher group (PTG). The first meeting will be Thursday 21st October and then every month after that. If you would like to be a member, but are unable to attend, please just email any questions etc to us prior to the meeting.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

God bless,  
Mrs McClurey

