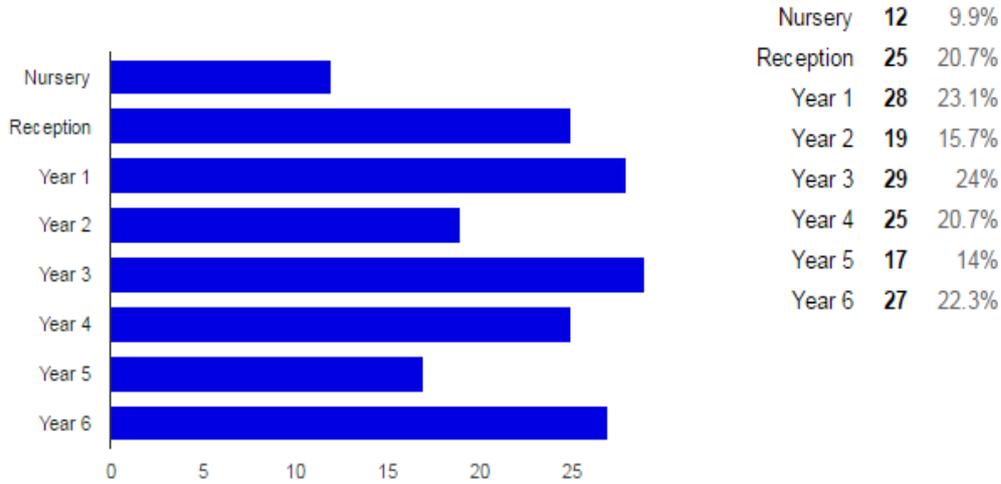


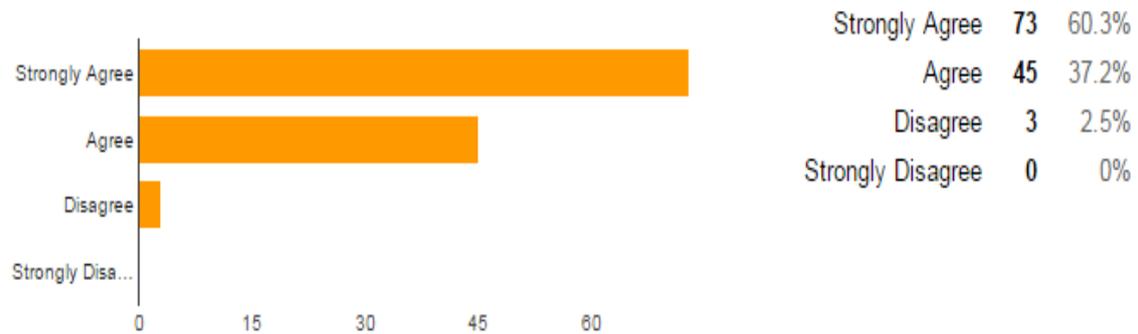
Results of Parent Questionnaire 2017

121 responses were received as indicated below.

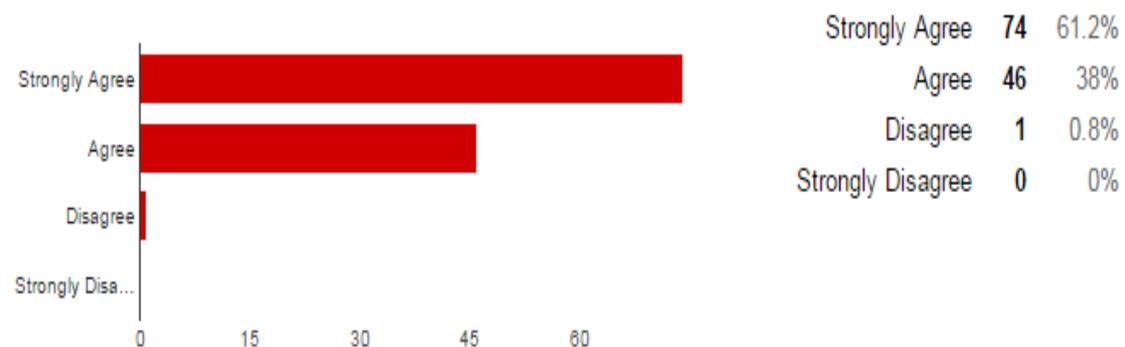


Home - School Relationships

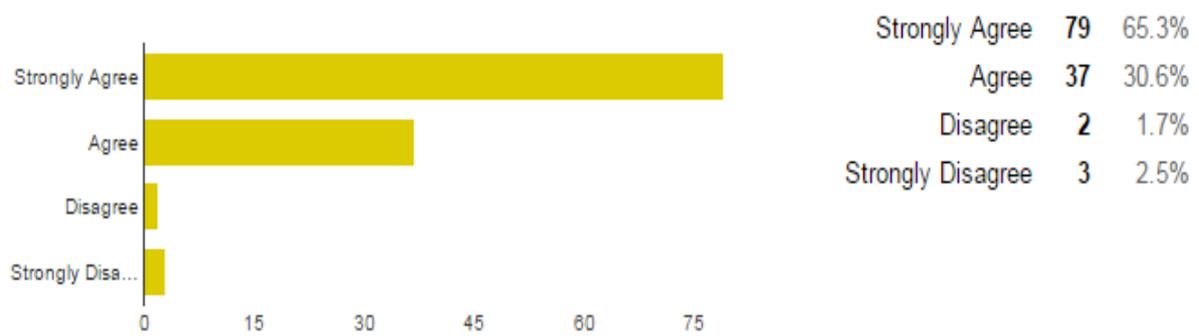
The communication between home and school is good (e.g. Home/ school diaries, parents' evening, school reports, newsletters, conversations with teachers etc.).



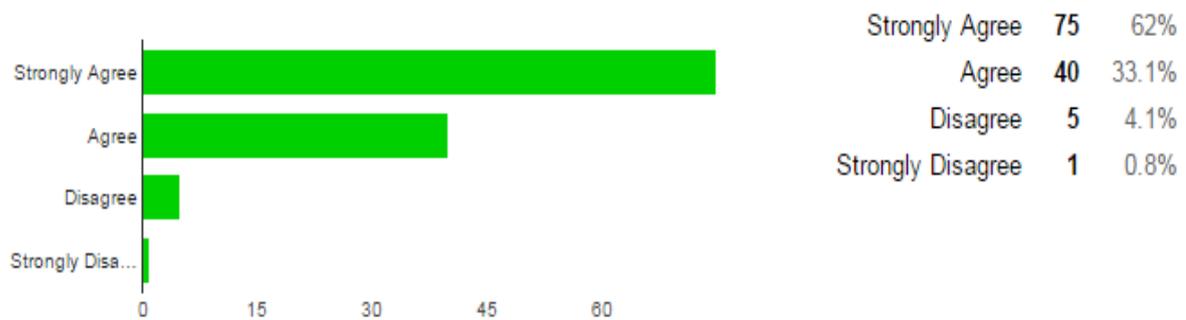
The school meets my child's particular needs



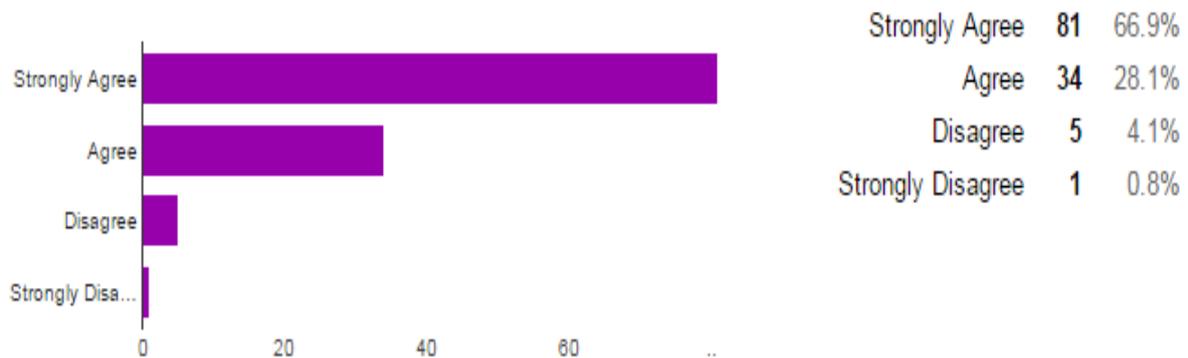
I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions, problems or complaints.



Staff explain how I can help my child at home



I am kept informed about how my child is getting on (Termly reports, Parents' Evenings, Home/School diaries etc.)



Parents' Comments on Home-School Relationship:

- I am happy with the communication with the school with any concerns that they might have with my child. The teaching staff are helpful and polite at all times.
- The relationship between us and school is good. I can discuss any issue with school no problem. The staff are friendly and approachable.
- I am quite satisfied.
- The slight communication I have with my child's teacher is through his reading diary and homework which is only concentrating on particular subjects. I don't know how he is getting on with any other subjects as this is only discussed briefly at the short 10 minute slot in parents

evening (twice a year). There are sometimes pictures on twitter which is lovely to see. Home school diaries need updating more often.

- I feel that the maths open week is too late in the year to fully benefit my child. An example of how the school would like the answers to be achieved would be good as it's been over 30 years since I went to primary school
- School diaries are not always used effectively to relay messages or concerns. Academic concerns should be raised with parents sooner rather than later.
- Some class teachers share work etc. on twitter frequently and some rarely/ never do. My children's classes rarely feature on there which is a shame as other classes in their year are on there at least weekly.
- More feedback about other subjects from class teacher who may not be the setting group teacher
- The diary could be used for teachers' comments on a student's progress and areas for improvement on a weekly basic. At the moment there are just written titles of a book my child is being issued with for a home reading.
- As long as there is a clear dialogue between myself and my son's teachers I am more than satisfied. Problems can arise if I feel that I'm not being kept informed about potential areas that may need attention.
- Communication between home and school is excellent.
- Better now that we have email communication for the newsletter and other letters or information.
- The communication book is really helpful and used this a lot in keeping up with how they are getting on. Happy that some activities are happening in the afternoon and I am able to attend.
- I have always felt very comfortable approaching the school with my concerns and found they help me the best way they can.
- Excellent.
- Would love to meet my child's class teacher at the start of the academic year.
- School are responsive to the needs of my children and communicate well, when required.
- Very good. No further comment
- I am very pleased that my child attends this school and could not fault the school in any way. Thanks for a great job.
- More updates via social media or on school website as it's nice to see what children are doing through the day.
- The home/ School communication is quite well throughout St. Bernadette's however I would like the school to do these Parent Evenings per term as it would really help me understand whether my child is increasing or decreasing academically. At the same time I would like to know if my child is being pushed to the best of her abilities and stretched as far as she can go to improve. Thank You.
- Feel that while the Maths Parents' Evening is held early on in the school year and in plenty of time to correct problems, the Literacy Parents' Evening is far too late in the year to do the same.
- The school and all its staff are fantastic, I am constantly surprised by the fantastic attitude of the teachers and all the other school staff, in every year of my son's schooling, he has been helped, supported and well educated. Well done guys! You're doing amazingly well!

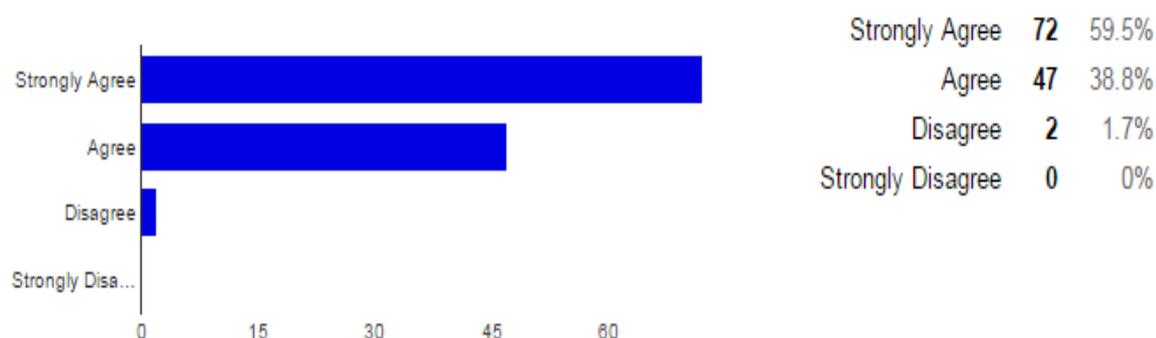
- I am really impressed with the schools ability to integrate new children. Miss Finnegan does a great job of building a report with parents and addressing any concerns.
- The Twitter feed is fab. Really gives me the opportunity to talk to my child about their school day (rather than them saying "I can't remember,!"). Even more Tweets please!!
- I feel comfortable approaching school

School's Response to Comments about Home- School Relationships:

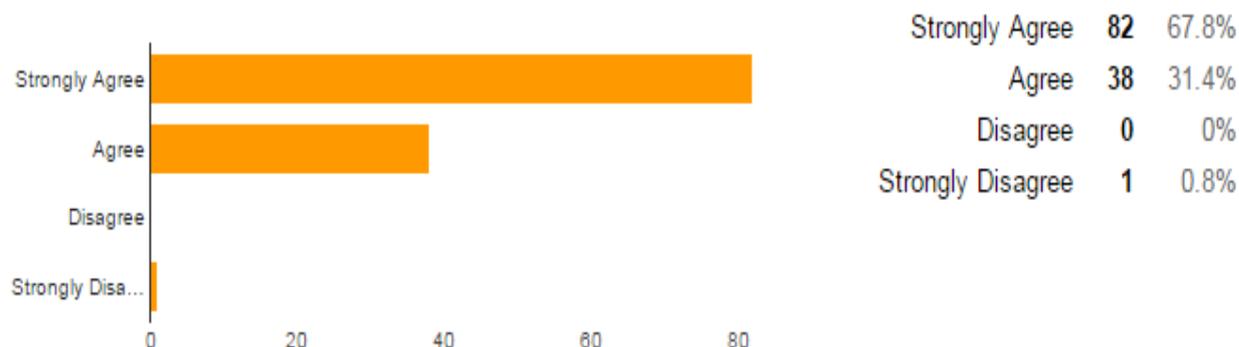
- **Parents' Evenings are held with setting teachers to give information on the core subjects of English and Mathematics. It would be very difficult to organise for parents to see teachers who teach other subjects on the same evening due to the volume of parents to be seen. School does produce a termly report on each pupil's progress and attainment and their effort and attitude to learning in order to keep parents informed.**
- **If parents have a concern or wish to request further information about their children they are welcome to make an appointment to see their child's class teacher, at the end of the school day, who would be happy to speak to them.**
- **The use of Twitter has increased this year and this is something which we hope to continue to build upon.**

The Learning Experience

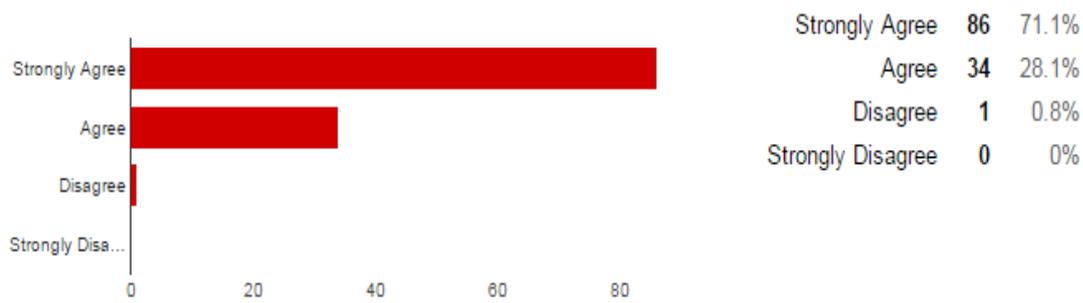
My child is making good progress.



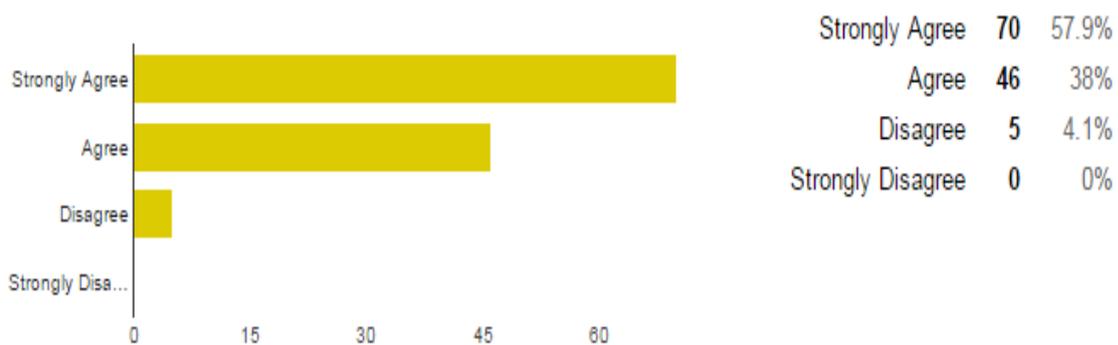
Teaching at school is good.



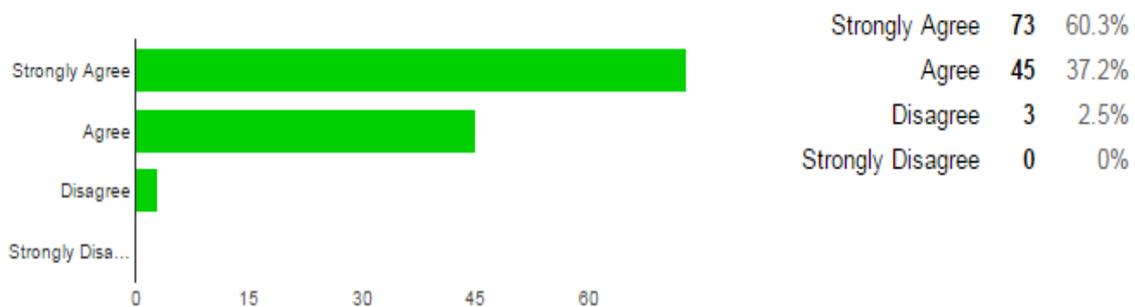
Staff expect my child to work hard and do their best.



The school sets appropriate homework



The school makes sure my child is well prepared for the future.



Parents' Comments about the Learning Experience

- The support received from the teachers with regards to homework is great and good to see that the school pushes the children's capabilities within learning.
- My daughter loves the phonics sounds and the fact that each week they get a chance to bring in a different object from home that starts with that week's phonics sound.
- The school strives to make learning fun and interesting in a disciplined environment. Any issues are promptly addressed
- The homework my child is set doesn't seem to be over challenging. I believe this is due to his lack of writing skills which I believe is holding him back.
- Some of the teaching at St Bernadette's is excellent and some is not.

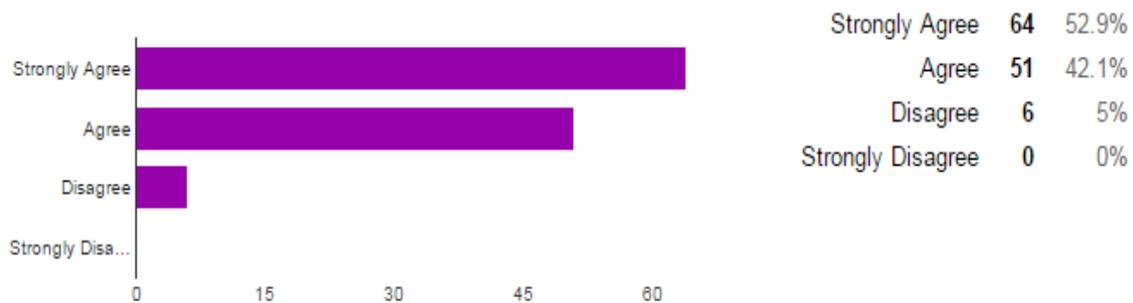
- My child does not consistently receive homework every week
- Homework is not always marked and is not challenging. I am not sure how the homework reflects on their study at school.
- There is constant support at all times.
- Sometimes my child's homework is difficult for him and he does not know what to do.
- My child enjoys learning and staff are helpful.
- More day trips to enhance learning would be beneficial
- My son is improving day by day due to his and the teachers hard work thanks.
- I think that the learning experience in school is set quite well. From what I've seen the teaching and understanding is really good. The only thing that I would say to improve the learning would be to set more homework and be firmer with the punishment for not doing homework
- The National Curriculum is so fast paced for my child in Year 4 - particularly in maths - but I'm pleased to see she has been offered extra support in the areas where she needs it (e.g. intervention, extra worksheets). I was sat in Mass in the school hall last week and the corridors were literally bustling with children carrying different pieces of equipment for different lessons - great to see they are not confined to the classroom the whole time. I know as a school you've been pushing reading skills this year and I think this has worked very well for my children - especially my child in Year 1, who has found a real passion/talent for reading. I've seen some of the new 'book corners' in the classrooms and they are fantastic, so creative. All my children are enjoying reading at school/home.

School's response to Comments about the Learning Experience:

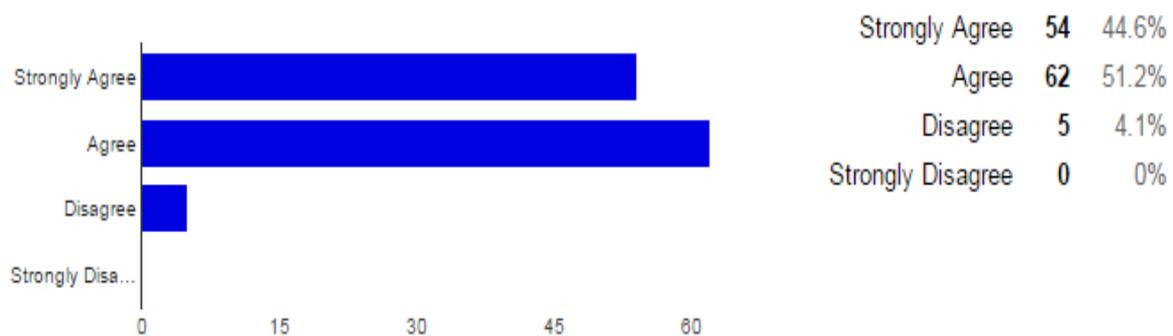
- **Homework is given on set days and for a variety of reasons: to consolidate learning, to revisit topics previously covered, to check understanding and to extend children's knowledge. Homework is explained to the children on the day it is set and ample time is given for children to speak to their class teacher if they don't fully understand it before it is due in.**
- **Examples of the strategies used to teach mathematics have previously been explained in a Calculations Meetings for parents and a copy of the school Calculation policy for Mathematics can be found on the website, which gives details and examples of how mathematical strategies are taught at St Bernadette's. Next academic year we will ensure that parents are given a hard copy of the Calculations policy at the Welcome Meetings at the start of the academic year.**

Making a Contribution

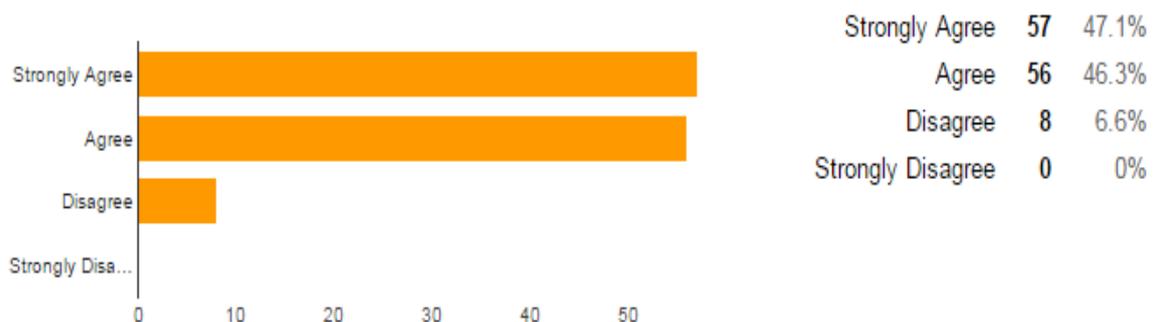
The school gives my child opportunities to make positive contributions to their class group or school (e.g. school council).



The school gives my child opportunities to make positive contributions to the community outside school.



The school asks my child for their views about important things in school.



Parents' Comments on Making a Contribution:

- Not sure how the school help the children make a positive contribution to the community?
- Children shouldn't really be on school council more than once in order to give others a chance.
When it comes to asking children their views, it is usually children who are on the school council or only children who are in years 5&6.

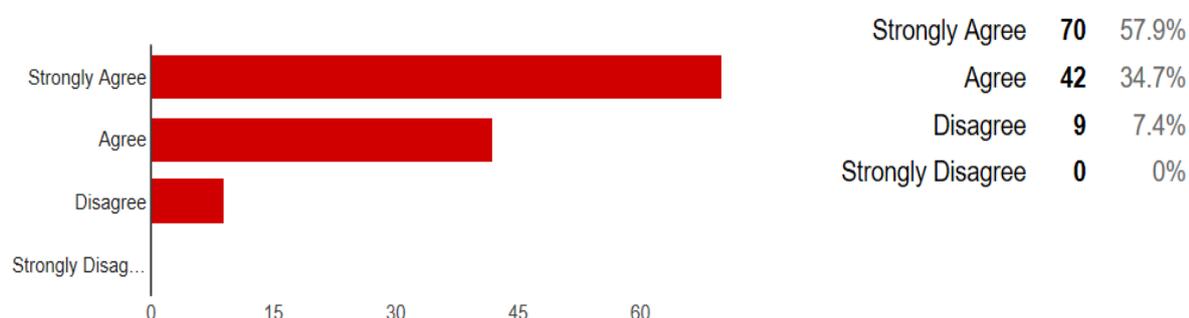
- The school has offered my child so many opportunities of which I am extremely grateful. He is a well-mannered polite young man and I believe St Bernadette's has contributed towards this, thank you.
- I am not aware that my child has ever been asked for any contribution with regard to the last two questions.
- I don't hear too much about out of school activities regarding community contribution, however I am sure, should I want the information, it would be provided.

School's Response to Comments about Making a Contribution:

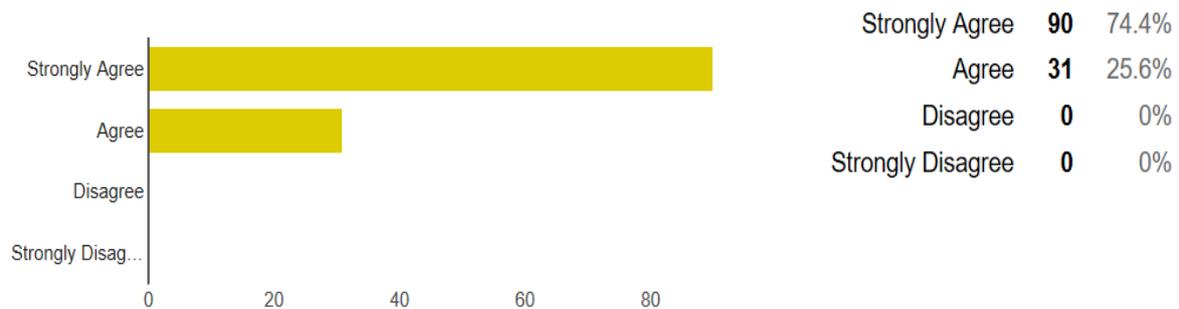
- **The children are involved in lots of fundraising opportunities and some events in the wider community such as: the choir singing at various locations at Christmas time and the children participating in various sporting fixtures. Children have also been involved in tree planting and creating and delivering packs to the homeless.**
- **Each Year band also adopts a charity and spends a half term fundraising for the chosen charity.**
- **The children are also involved in fundraising during Lent for the Fr. Hudson's 'Good Shepherd appeal'.**
- **Children in school donated chocolate to the Holy Family Christmas Fair and some pupils ran the chocolate stall.**
- **The children have also worked with other schools on projects such as the inter-faith community cohesion event – 'The Human Library'.**
- **Many events which the children are involved in are communicated on the school website or on the Twitter feed and do not always feature on the School Newsletter.**
- **The school will continue reviewing how it can make a greater contribution to the local environment- perhaps working with the council to organise litter picks and other such events.**
- **Within school, the pupils are given various avenues to express their thought and ideas within class discussion and through their class school council representative.**

Relationships with Staff and Other Pupils

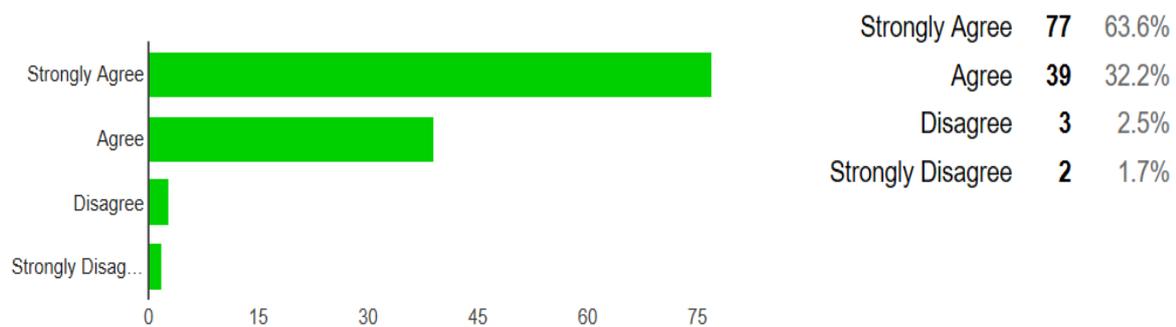
The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour.



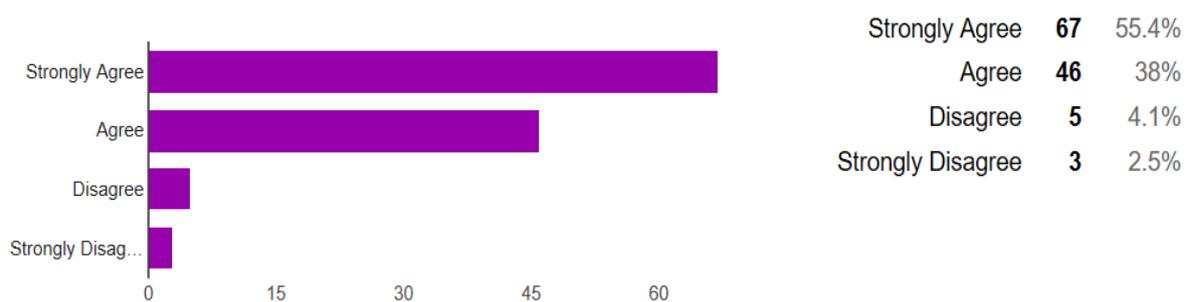
The school teaches my child to respect people from different backgrounds, races, religions etc.



Staff treat my child fairly



Pupils at the school behave well



Parents' Comments about Relationships with Staff and Other Pupils:

- With the concerns I have had in the past over bullying, the school has dealt with this in an exceptional manor and has not happened since.

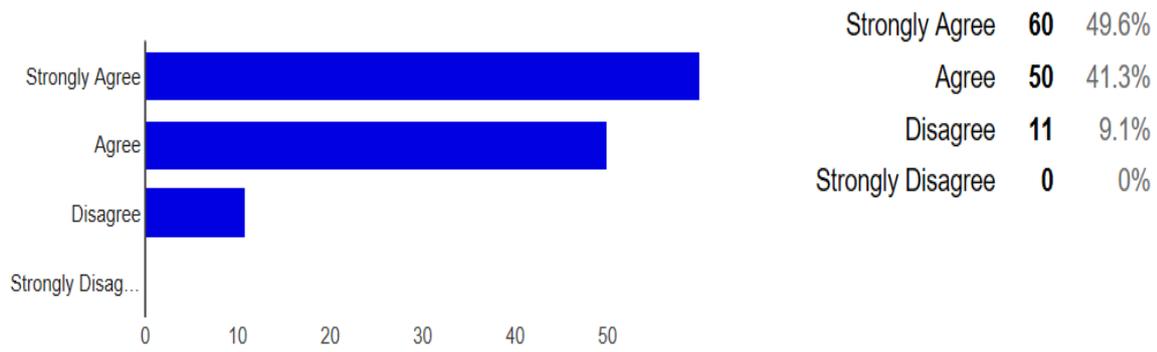
- The relationship the teachers have with the children are exceptional, when my son lost his grandmother suddenly the school were really supportive and kept me informed how he was dealing with it.
- I believe at times there are double standard in the way in which children with very constant concerning behaviour are dealt with and children that are dealt with on a one-off basis.
- The staff at school are all very good. However, some pupils are creating an atmosphere of negativity which is the effecting the other pupils in the year band. My opinion is the few bad apples need to be rooted out and excluded.
- The school's ethos is positive and the children's behaviour is a credit to the school. I find the school a very warm place with a family feel and strong moral values.
- Excellent.
- A great working relationship a great team effort.
- We have had some problems with certain children in the school and there have been times where a chat with teachers was necessary, however anything involving my child has always been dealt with in a way that has had a positive outcome.
- I have seen books and displays on other faiths and backgrounds which is creates a lovely accepting atmosphere for visitors.
- On the whole, when walking around school, I find the children to be very polite - holding doors open and using their manners.
- Relationships between staff and pupils are good.

School's Response to Comments about Relationships with Staff and Other Pupils:

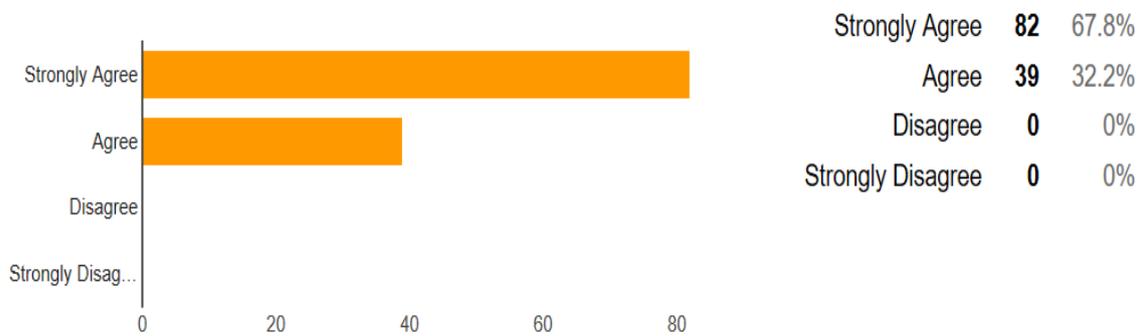
- **The school has a behaviour policy in place and displayed in all classrooms is a behaviour pyramid which outlines how children can receive praise and also the consequences that poor decisions/ actions can lead to. This is followed by all members of staff and all children are treated equally with regard to the sanctions that they receive.**
- **School will also be looking at how it can make the lunchtime breaks more structured for those children that struggle during this time.**

Wellbeing

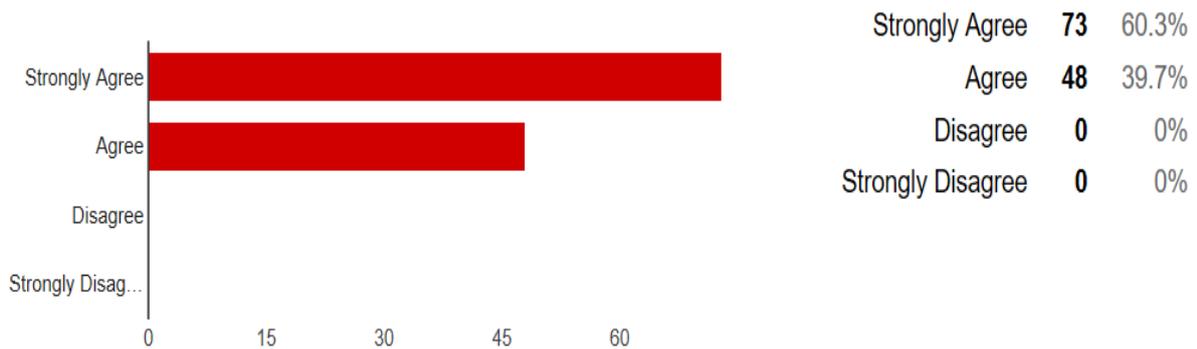
My child is not bullied or harassed at school.



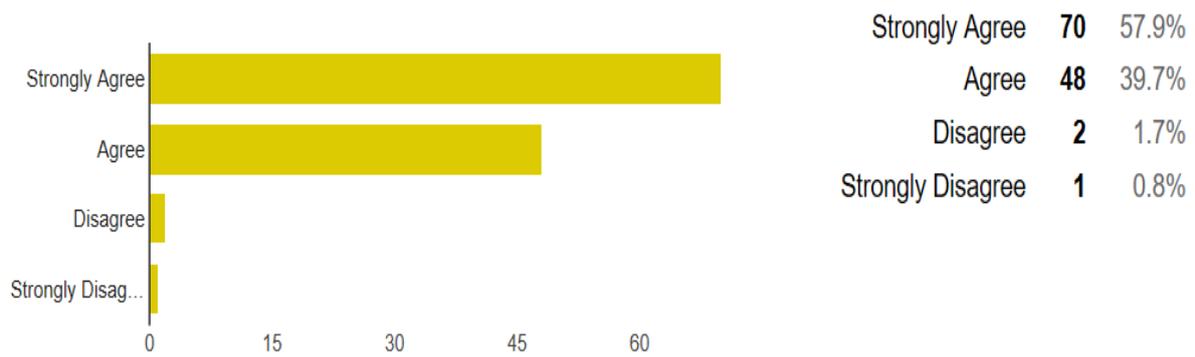
I think the school is a safe place for children to work



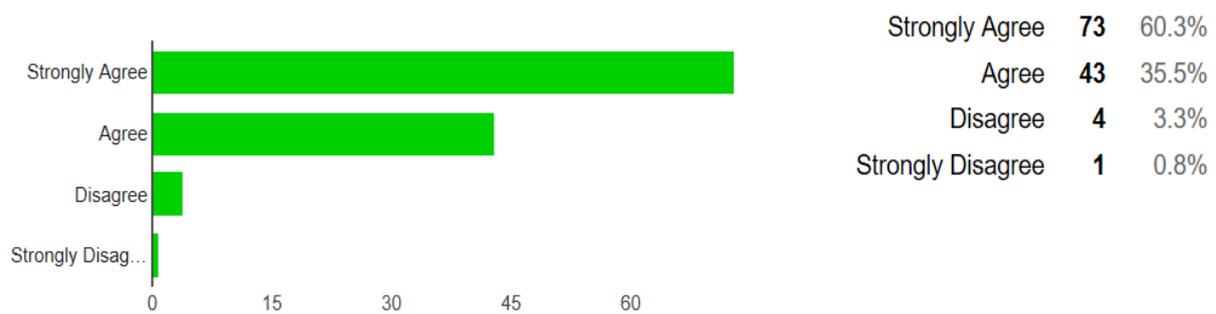
School encourages a healthy lifestyle.



The school gives age appropriate information on how to deal with such things as internet safety, sexual relationships, alcohol and drugs.



The school works hard to develop my child's self-esteem and confidence.



Parents' Comments about Wellbeing:

- No issues - confident with St Bernadette's.
- My child has been harassed by the same child from year 1 which has continued but because it is low level bullying it has gone undetected and I'm trying to teach my child how to deal with this situation themselves.
- St Bernadette's is appropriate in all matters of wellbeing treating topics with sensitivity.
- My child has been a victim of bullying; however, he is quite a sensitive child and I often think the incidents have been embellished or he has felt victimized and been unsure of how to deal with the feelings. The school supported us through these incidents and it has not, as far I can tell, impacted on my child negatively.
- There have been a few occasions where my child has complained about other children in different years making comments to him that he found inappropriate.
- My children have certainly grown in confidence this school year. They have some lovely friendships.

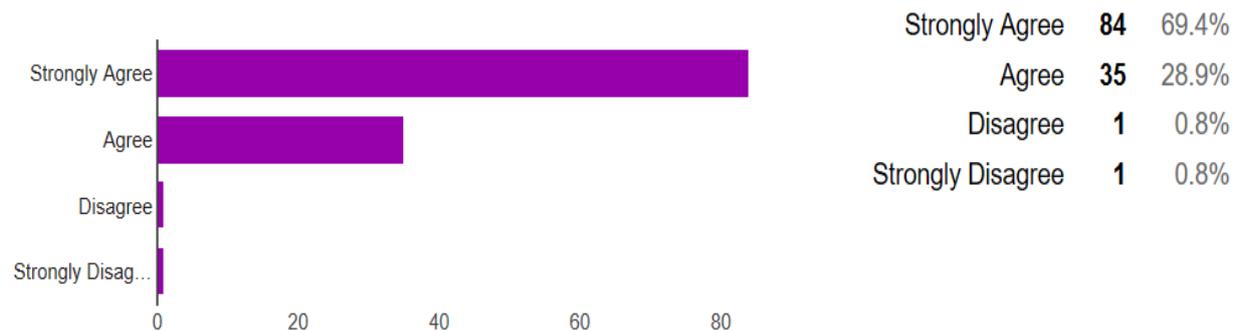
- The school works hard to explain how my children can keep safe and healthy.

School's Response to Comments about Wellbeing:

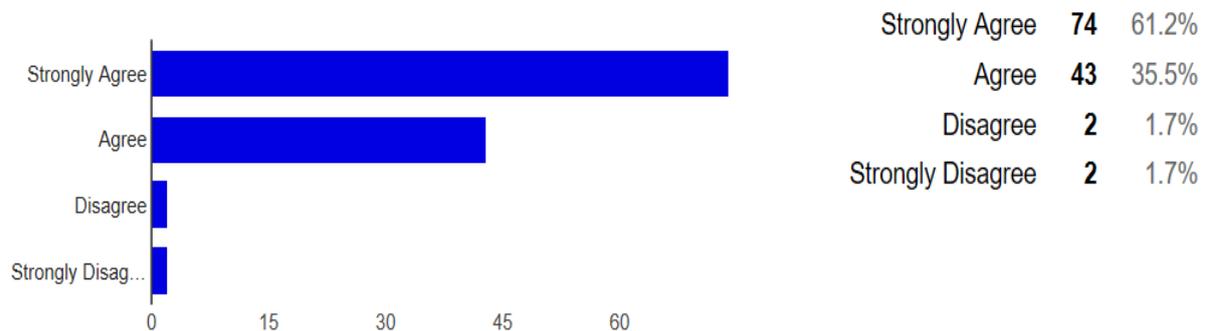
- When school is aware of issues regarding children it deals with these matters as promptly as it can. On occasions pupils do not inform school that there is an issue, however, once this has been established the issue can be tackled and dealt with. It is important that pupils communicate to staff if they have a problem. Pupils are aware of the people they can talk to in school and are reminded about the importance of talking to someone if they have any worries or issues.
- School continues to take incidents of bullying seriously and works with agencies such as the NSPCC and West Midlands Police who visit school to talk to the children about appropriate behaviours.

School Experience and Christian Character

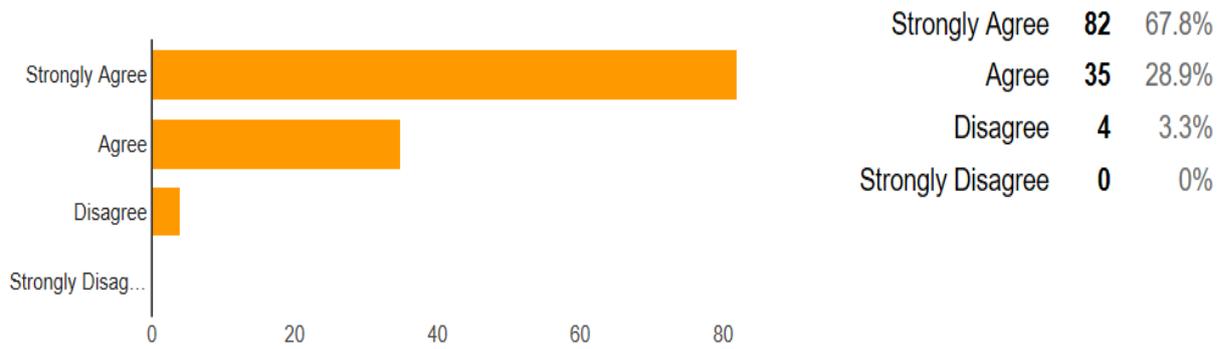
I think St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School is distinctive as a Catholic School.



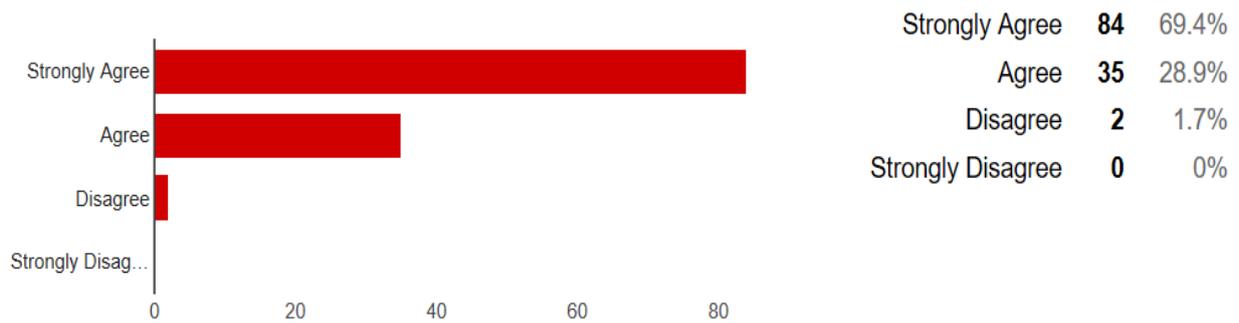
The amount of collective worship is appropriate.



The school is well led and managed



Overall I am happy with my child's experience at school.



Parents' Comments about School Experience and Christian Character:

- The school has a good Catholic ethos which I am happy with.
- I feel that the school provides a platform for Catholic learning. The school is very well organised and working in other schools I can see the passion St Bernadette's has for ensuring the best outcomes for the children. Attainment is achievable as the children have a lot of support. St Bernadette's is a happy school and children are exceptionally behaved thanks to the teachers' hard work!
- Some inconsistency in behaviour management, use of rewards.
- Very good.
- Religion, in my opinion, is a little too focused on in schools as a whole, however, St Bernadette's does display a functional curriculum that does support all beliefs and this is a huge positive.
- Very happy that my children are educated in a Catholic institution with great Christian values.

- This year more than ever, all my children have been happy to come to school and are enjoying their time there. School has clear, firm Christian morals and my children particularly enjoy their religious studies. Father Philip is great for school - his fun sense of humour really makes the children listen to him.

School's Response to Comments about School Experience and Christian Character:

- **As a Catholic School the focus of Religious Education is based upon the principles of the Catholic Church. However, lots of opportunity is taken to teach about other faiths, religions and cultures; through assemblies and International and RE weeks. Children throughout school learn about the major world religions and visit various places of worship e.g. a Church, a Mosque, a Gurdwara, a Jewish synagogue, a Buddhist Vihara.**
- **School will continue to look at its behaviour policy to ensure that it is being followed consistently by all members of staff.**

Additional Parents' Comments:

- I do believe this is the best school for my child. It's very difficult as a working parent to have the relationship with the school that I would like. Overall I am very happy.
- I cannot speak highly enough of this school nor think of a better school my son could have gone to, he has had such a fantastic start to his education here and loves school. Working in early years myself I know it is no easy task, however, the commitment of the staff team is evident with the care, teaching and learning and all the events held. Thank you for taking such good care of him. I am over the moon my daughter will be joining this wonderful school shortly.
- I feel St Bernadette's is setting my daughter up to have a strong enjoyment for learning and her confidence is growing by the day.
- I am extremely happy with the teaching provided for my children, both children are achieving over their expected targets and I'm happy to hear the more able pupils are given extra targets and tasks to ensure maximum potential.
- I do feel that it would be appropriate for boys and girls to change separately from Year 3 onwards.
- I feel very lucky to have two children in this school. It is a great place to let my children grow as people in learning and in life. Thank you.
- We all (as a family) love the school and will highly recommend it to friends and family.
- I feel this has been a really positive school year for all my children. They are progressing well, have had lots of great opportunities and are enjoying their time...I could not wish for more than that! Thank you.
- Mr Lavin has been very helpful with issues my son has had and has put things in place to support him. He has involved the school nurse and kept me up to date.

School's Response to Additional Comments:

- **It is lovely to read all the positive comments about the school which affirm our commitment to ensuring your child has the best learning experience possible. As a school, we will continue to review our practice and look at how improvements can be made. The school appreciates all the comments that have been received and will act upon them to make the children's educational journey as enjoyable as possible.**