

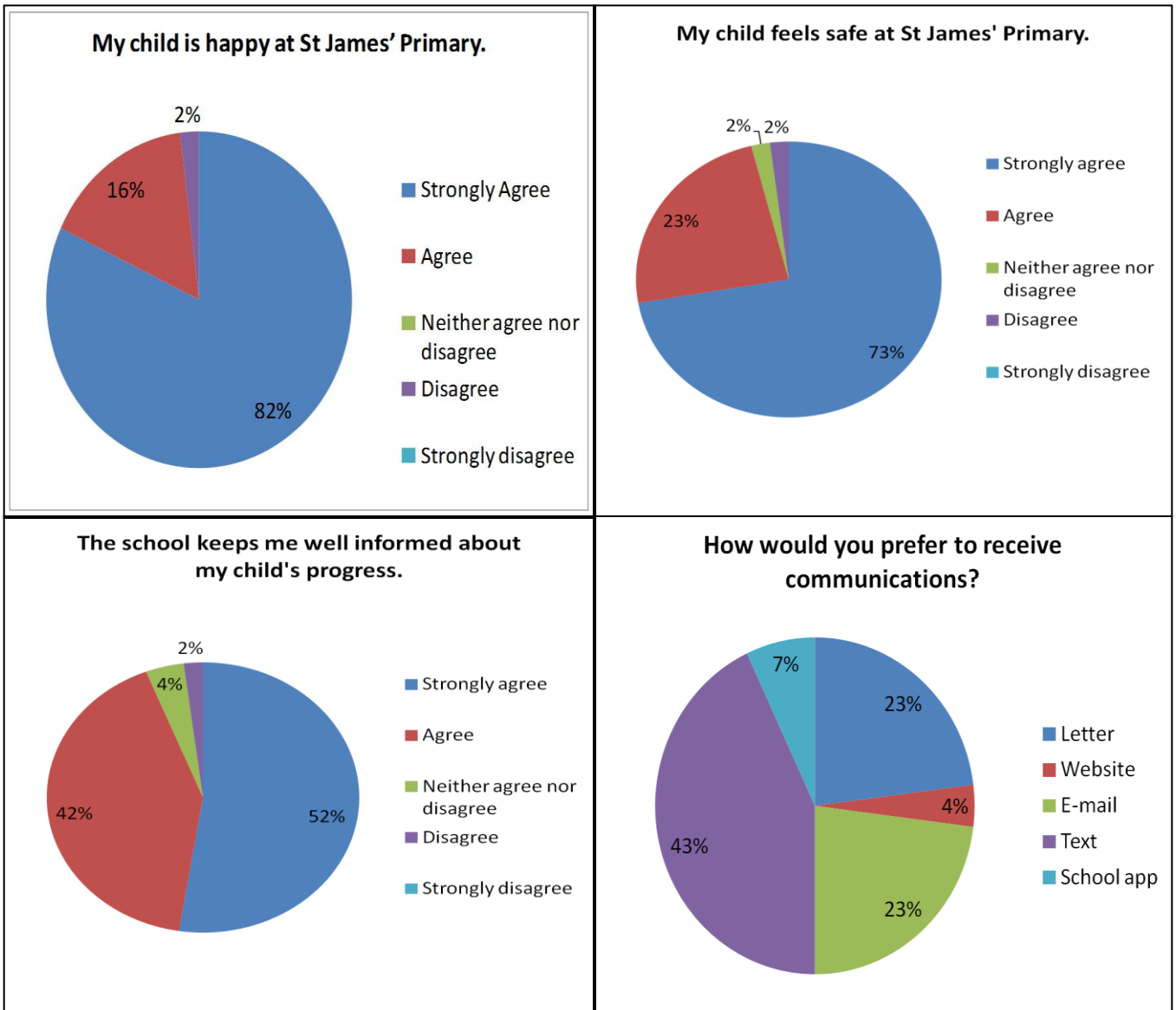


St James' Primary School Parent /Carer Questionnaire March 2017



Self-evaluation helps us reflect on our practice and identify on our successes and areas for development. Here are the results from our recent parent/carers questionnaire.

55 families from St James' completed this questionnaire at our recent parents evening.



There is a welcoming and friendly environment for children.

Staff are approachable and understanding

They meet all my child's needs and always gives her praise which raises her confidence.

We like how well staff know our child and use this knowledge to ensure he is challenged in all areas.

The school fosters strong values, encouraging children to adopt these in all aspects of school life.

Pupil support.

Good anti-bullying policy.

We asked you to comment on parts of St James' life that you like or that we do well.

You said...

Teachers are engaged with kids on topics

We think the teachers have a very current approach to the curriculum. It's fun, teachers are approachable and communicate very well. I'm delighted with my daughters progress.

I think you create challenge for my child's individual stage of development.

Homework club, parent interaction with the school and improvements to school environment.

Possible 'open afternoons'/'interactive soft finishes' so that the children can showcase their learning and so the parents can get involved in some activities with their children.

Bike store out of use for too long.

Consistency of homework.
Checking children have completed.

Communicate by e-mail not paper. Send text updates to both parents/carers.

We asked you to comment on areas you would like us to get better at to help your child. You said...

Physical Education

More after school clubs.

Writing

More playground areas. More space regarding events.
Consider introducing special diets in lunch.

Perhaps encourage children to use techniques like mindful awareness to help them develop concentration etc.

All staff at St James' Primary School would like to thank you for your time in completing our parent/carer questionnaire.

Responses to areas for development :-

- **A copy of the school Homework Policy can be found on the school website detailing procedures for issuing and correcting homework. Information on homework is also available in the P4-7 Homework Diaries.**
- **This year we have seen a rise in the amount of extra-curricular clubs available. They run every morning, lunch time and after school. Details of these clubs are issued by letter at the start of each term. Our Active Schools Co-ordinator, David Rose, recently met with our Pupil Councillors to consult on what clubs they would like**
- **If you wish to receive newsletters by e-mail please call the office on 03003001330 and leave your e-mail address**
- **Our school office only has capacity to text out to one parent on their system. If there is more than one child in a family only then can two parents be messaged**
- **Writing is an area of the curriculum that will feature within next sessions School Improvement Plan.**
- **The school grounds phase of the building works will be complete and in full use by August 2017**
- **This year we have introduced a Health and Wellbeing programme called 'Bounce Back' that promotes resilience. Various coping strategies including mindfulness are currently being used. Yoga has also been incorporated into class PE lessons. A parent information session will be held in the near future**
- **Staff will continue to look for opportunities to invite parents in to the school for children to showcase their learning**

