



St Mary's News

Friday 7th October 2022

Autumn 3

Dear Parents and Carers

Autumn has clearly arrived and Early Years experienced this for themselves when they visited Hotham Park this week. They spotted different coloured leaves, the start of some conkers falling to the ground and plenty of squirrels! It is wonderful to have such a lovely park on our doorstep and I know many parents have been delighted to follow the progress of their children on Tapestry.

Last week we had almost one hundred grandparents join us for our annual afternoon tea in the Parish Hall. Children from every class read either a prayer or a memory and the grandparents were then taken by our Year 6 children to find their grandchild's classroom. It was a memorable event and we owe a debt of thanks to our FSA who organised refreshments and a raffle which raised £160.00 for school funds. Already this year our FSA have funded music provision for children from Years 1 to 6 and have also subsidised trips.

Today's Harvest was a chance to say thank-you to God for the food and drink we often take for granted. Once again we were overwhelmed by the number of donations from parents to our local Foodbank as well as the donations provided for Cafod. If you have seen the recent pictures of flooding from Ukraine and Pakistan you will know how desperate the need for help and support is. In this time when many families in Bognor are struggling to make ends meet with rising fuel bills, we are very thankful for your continued generosity.

Last week we were visited by four inspectors from Ofsted who were at St Mary's to find evidence of good teaching and learning as well as how we keep our children safe. The staff worked extremely hard, (as always), and the children behaved beautifully. The final report will be published after half term and we will share it with you as soon as we can. In the meantime a huge thank you to the seventy parents who took the time to complete the online survey. The results are summarised later in this Newsletter, but we were particularly delighted that 100% of parents would recommend St Mary's!

I hope you have a lovely weekend and hope to see you soon.

Kind regards

Mr Edgington, Headteacher

Housepoints this week

St John Bosco	573
St Catherine	461
St Francis	428
St Bernadette	389

Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for all of your donations!



Together, we have also managed to raise an impressive £216 for CAFOD!

Grandparents' Afternoon Tea

We were delighted to welcome almost 100 grandparents to our service and tea and cake afternoon on Friday 30th September. The FSA served refreshments and organised a raffle and children from all classes read their prayer and memories on the subject of grandparents. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the care and service provided by grandparents whether local or far away. As Pope Francis said recently, *The people that does not care for its children or grandparents is a people that has not a future. Because it doesn't have the strength or the memory to go forward.*



A message to our Polish families as a reminder that Mrs Kanik is available to translate, pass on messages and give information as needed:

Nasza polska TA Pani Kanik jest w szkole kazdego dnia oraz mozece rowniez Panstwo porozmawiac z nia codziennie rano przed rozpoczeciem szkoly na placu szkolnym. Jesli macie Panstwo jakies pytania lub chcielibyscie przekazac jakies informacje do sekretariatu lub nauczycielom to proszę sie nie wahac i porozmawiac z Pania Kanik.

**Tickets
available now!**
Adult £6.50
Child £4.50
Family £24.00



The Alpha Programme

Do you want to find out more about the Christian faith? Are you curious about what and why Christians believe what they do? Then maybe the Alpha course is for you.

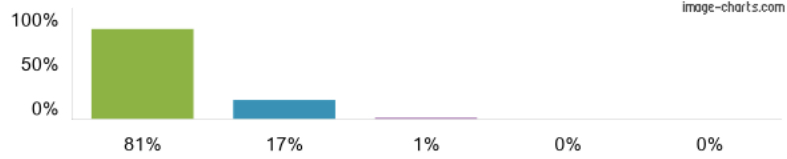
Come and join the first meeting at Our Lady of Sorrows parish centre, 138 Clarence Rd, Bognor Regis, PO21 1LB (at the back of the church) on Wednesday 12th October at 7pm for a simple meal, interesting film and a chance to ask all the big questions of life.

Everyone is welcome, whatever your past experience of church. The evening is completely free of charge and there is no pressure to sign up for more. Simply come and see!

For more information contact Liz Lucas: alphabognor@gmail.com or Martha Myers: marfen2004@yahoo.co.uk or simply turn up!

Ofsted Parent View Results

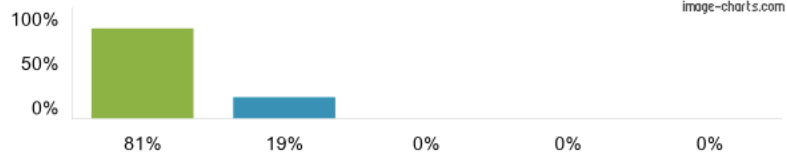
1. My child is happy at this school.



Figures based on 69 responses up to 28-09-2022

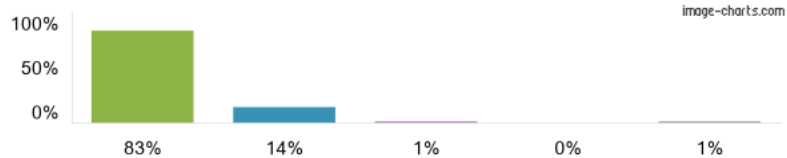


2. My child feels safe at this school.

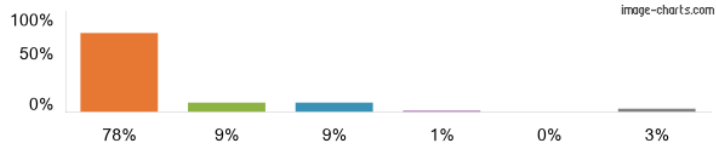


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3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.



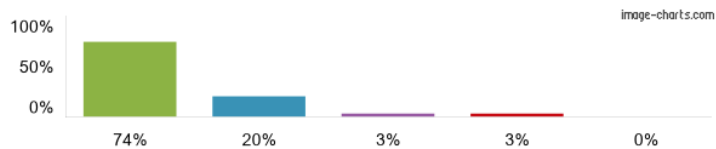
4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.



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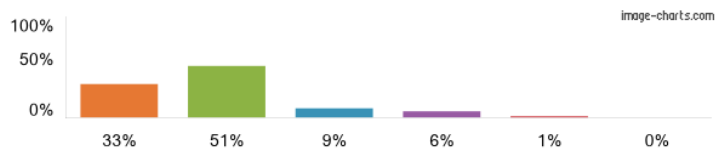


5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.

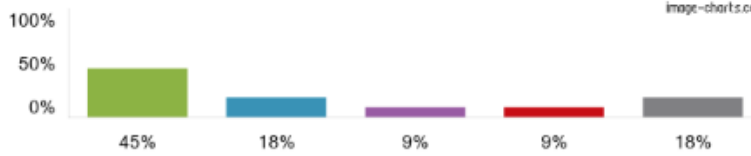


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6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.

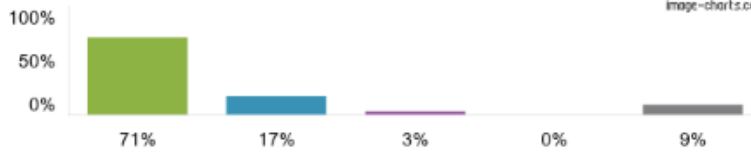


7. My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.



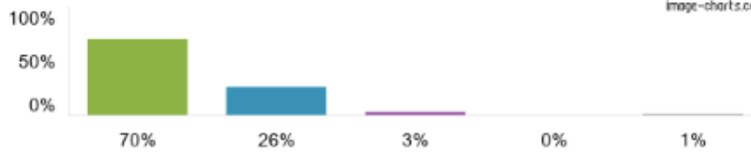
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8. The school has high expectations for my child.



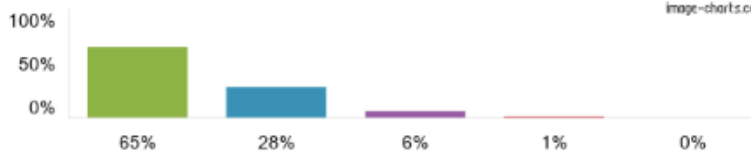
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9. My child does well at this school.

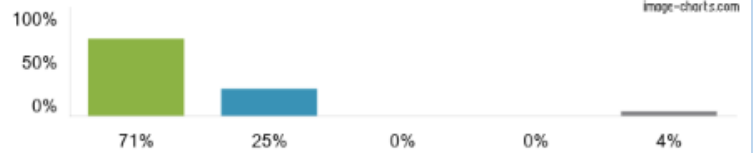


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10. The school lets me know how my child is doing.

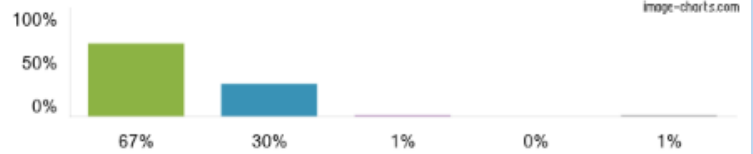


11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.



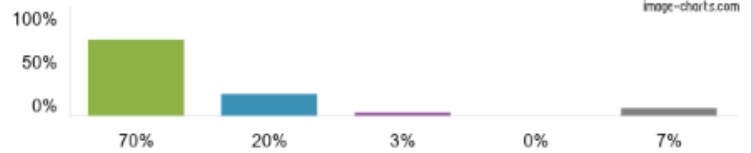
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12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.



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13. The school supports my child's wider personal development.



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14. I would recommend this school to another parent.

