



# St. Mary's Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy Handsworth

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Dear Parents/Carers

'Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets'  
Matthew 7:12

## Parent Questionnaires

Here is a selection of the positive comments that were made by parents in addition to them filling in the questionnaire:

### COMMENT

The teachers are very helpful and teach the children well. Our children enjoy coming to this school. Many thanks to all the staff and teachers.

My daughter didn't initially get a place at St Mary's so I made the decision to change her when the offer arose and I am so glad I did. The teachers in reception were very welcoming and always available, and everyone (parents, teachers, support staff, pupils) are happy and want to be there. The staff at St Mary's continue to help us to raise a child with morals, values, good ethics and the value of hard work.

I love that the school staff represent all walks of life! I am grateful it has ties with the church, as I believe this is also important for children.

The standard of the school plays and assemblies is amazing and have made me cry on more than one occasion. I actually cannot wait for my son to start at St Mary's and watch him grow and flourish.

I had always heard good things about St Mary's from past pupils and parents and I can honestly say every word was true. Every day my daughter comes home I ask her what has she learnt new today, just one thing and that in turn makes me learn.

This is an outstanding school. That is one if the reason we chose it. I always recommend the school to other parents looking for a school place for their children. I have recently been offered a school place for my older child after being on the waiting list and I am so grateful for the school's communication, help and efforts all throughout. Thank you.

Everything is good in this school. Staff is good. School atmosphere is good. My children enjoy here. No concerns.

The school has a fantastic ethos on cultural, spiritual and religious activities which is nice to see. I particularly enjoy the assemblies and the dance festival was amazing. My daughter has made a lot of progress this year.

An excellent school with very accessible staff and communication is well presented at all times. Highly recommendable.

Overall the children's behaviour is well managed towards providing a safe and learning environment. The staff team are happy which evidently creates a harmonious atmosphere within the school. The head teacher is approachable and sensitive to any problems or concerns parents may have with regards to the children and ensures this is dealt with effectively with positive outcomes

I am happy for the academic and social skills my daughter is acquiring at St Mary's. I am grateful for the time all the members of staff put in and are willing to go the extra mile. It is very, very much appreciated. Thank you. A proud parent of St Mary's

Response from Executive Head Teacher to comments which need explanation or action

Comment	Response
I think the school could improve more by having a Library.	St. Mary's already has a Library situated in the main reception area. Each class is timetabled to visit the library. Each class also has an extensive library within their own classrooms.
The path leading up to the school, should be made wider. Too many parents have buggies and there isn't enough space. Can the Head Teacher look into this? Also there are steps going into the playground. Can the school make it into a slope rather than having steps. I myself avoid going to the playground because of my health issues. Can the head teacher look into both of the matters I have raised. Thank you.	Passed on to the Governors Buildings Committee.
I feel that the playground which is tarmac is extremely dangerous for the children. It seems that one week does not go by without my child coming home with an accident slip. The school needs to invest in the Health and Safety of the children at this school by providing impact absorbing surfaces for the play area which would minimize injuries at play time.	Passed on to the Governors, Buildings committee.
My child says there needs to be more outdoor play activities or apparatus. Thank you to all your hard work to all staff!	Qualified play leaders have newly been appointed to work alongside our lunchtime supervisors who usually supervise the children during the lunchtime period
Need more activities for the kids please.	As above
Some parents have queried why some teachers have time out of the class to do other things.	As in other schools, some of our staff have leadership responsibilities and as in other schools they have time out of class for doing lesson observations and for monitoring pupil's progress. Also every teacher in all schools has additional time for lesson planning etc. This is usually half a day per week for each teacher during the school day

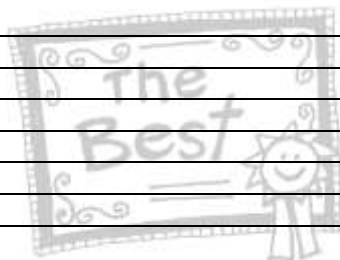
**Celebration Assembly**

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in Celebration Assembly on Monday 28 September 2015. All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend. If Parents/Carers do attend could I please ask them to stay until the assembly finishes. This demonstrates to all the children that the entire assembly is valued by Parents/Carers. Thank you for your support.

<b>Rumaysa Nursery</b> For working hard to choose the correct letters for her name and listening to adults	<b>Shyar RW</b> For trying hard to form his numbers to 30	<b>Rajveer RB</b> For super counting and trying hard to write his numbers to 50
<b>Oliver 1L</b> For super work in Maths	<b>Lereisha 1S</b> For working hard in Maths to complete addition and subtraction sentences	<b>Angelina 2C</b> For working hard in all areas and always trying to push herself
<b>Rhianna 2N</b> For always trying to work independently to improve on her best	<b>Zayyan 3J</b> For always working hard and presenting his work so beautifully	<b>Musaab 3/4S</b> For always working hard and giving 100%
<b>Gwen 4B</b> For producing a high standard of Maths and English work	<b>Yuvraj 5S</b> For always working hard and demanding extra challenge	<b>Lequarn 5/6W</b> For working extra hard in English
	<b>Vishal 6B</b> For working hard in Maths	

**Weekly Certificates**

Lining Up	2N
Spick and Span	4B
Movement Bird	3J
Gymnastic Monkey	RB
Attendance	5/6W
Dinnertime	Yummy Bear goes to 3/4S Runner Up 5S



### Kind and Thoughtful Person

The following children will receive the 'Kind and Thoughtful' certificate and care of a cuddly dog. The award will be presented in Celebration Assembly on Monday 21 September 2015. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office.



KS1	KS2
<b>Ruth</b> For helping a reception child in the St Mary's Restaurant	<b>Nshae</b> For helping a younger child to learn their spellings



### Parking in the Rectory Car Park

Can I please remind parents/carers that parking in the rectory car park is not allowed. If is private property therefore should not be used by parents/carer. Thank you for your continued support.

### Mobile Phones reminder

For Health and Safety reasons can I please ask all parents/carers not to use their mobile phone within the school building. Thank you for your support.

### Safety online reminder

Could parents please, please supervise children when using the internet at home either on the computer, mobile phone or any other electronic device that can access the internet. We are doing everything that we can in school to ensure that our children are safe and constantly remind the children about e-safety. Following the tips listed below will help your child stay safe online.

- Have family rules about how the internet will be used at home and be clear about what information is safe to share online
- Discuss rules about communicating online with friends
- Make sure you know what your children are doing online, much like you would in 'real' life and use parental controls (on computers, mobile phones and game consoles) to help you. Remember that these cannot always be 100% effective
- Make sure that your children are aware that people or websites can lie online
- Make sure your child understands that online actions can have offline consequences

### Punctuality

Thank you to all those parents who ensure they bring their children to school on time to line up in the playground at 8.55am.

### Message from Parents Association - Election of New Committee

All parents and Carers are welcome to attend the election of a new committee for this year's Parents Association at 9 - 10am on Friday 2 October 2105 in the school bungalow. If you would like to stand for Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer, please prepare a short statement describing why you would like the position and come along next Friday.

### Term Dates

End of Term Holiday	Children break up on <b>Friday 23 October 2015</b> and return to school on <b>Monday 2 November 2015</b>
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Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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