



# Newsletter

## Growing Together to Flourish in God's World

### Attendance

The whole school attendance for WE 27/11/15 was 97.83% This week's attendance was above our target of 96.5%. Well done everyone keep aiming high. Every minute of every day counts.

This week the attendance league table goes as follows:

- Miss Dunn's class (Lilac) with 100% WELL DONE!!!
- Mr Bennett's class (Lime) with 99.37%
- Mrs Evans' class (Yellow) with 99.31%



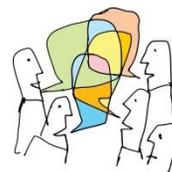
This week 21.83 hours of education were lost due to appointments and 2.17 hours of education were lost due to lateness. Please ensure all *routine* opticians and dental appointments are made outside of school hours or in the school holidays and that your child attends school on time every day. Thank you.

### School Closure



Please remember that School WILL be CLOSED as it is being used as a polling station on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. Should you require a Care Club place for the day for your child please contact 07921 283041. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### Time to Talk



In our assemblies each week we discuss and take time to think about different topics. These link with our Christian values. This week we talked about : Don't take your bat and ball home To show that it is not always easy to stay friends with people. **Talk:** Have you ever fallen out with someone? What were the reasons? How did you make friends again?

### Panto Visit!

Please could you forward your permission slip and any donations towards the school panto visit on 9<sup>th</sup> December as soon as you can? We ask for a contribution of £3 per child to cover the cost. This year we will see 'Dick Whittington' and this will be performed in school by a professional theatre company. The children really enjoyed it last year!



### Dogs

Could we please remind all Parents and Carers the we do not allow dogs onto school playground. We also politely request that all dogs are kept on a lead surrounding our school. This is to protect our children as well as your dog. Thank you.

### Blessing of the Christmas Tree

We will be holding the magical Blessing of the Christmas Tree service in school again this year. This will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Again we ask for each child to bring in a bauble for the tree and these can be brought in as soon as you can. Please could you ensure that it is labelled with your child's name and preferably unbreakable? They will be blessed them before they go on and we are sure our tree will look wonderful again. They will all be returned in the New Year.



Please remember to ring school (0161 624 9885) each day before 9:30am with details of why your child is absent from school. If we do not hear from you the absence will be recorded as an unauthorised absence which could lead to a fixed penalty notice fine.



## Carols Around the Tree

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm**

Junior classes will be singing Christmas Carols around the Christmas Tree. All Parents and Carers are invited along to watch.

Following the Carol service we will be selling handmade gifts that the children have made themselves. Mince pies and cookies made by our wonderful kitchen staff will also be on sale.

We hope to see as many Parents and Carers as possible.



**thank  
You**

We would like to say a huge you to the a Grandparent of two of our children (Ellie and Oliver) His grandchildren had been discussing with him the fund raising we are doing for our school playground and he dropped by to make a generous donation. Thank you.

## Book Fair

The Scholastics book fair will be on Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Nov to Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec after school in the Junior Library.



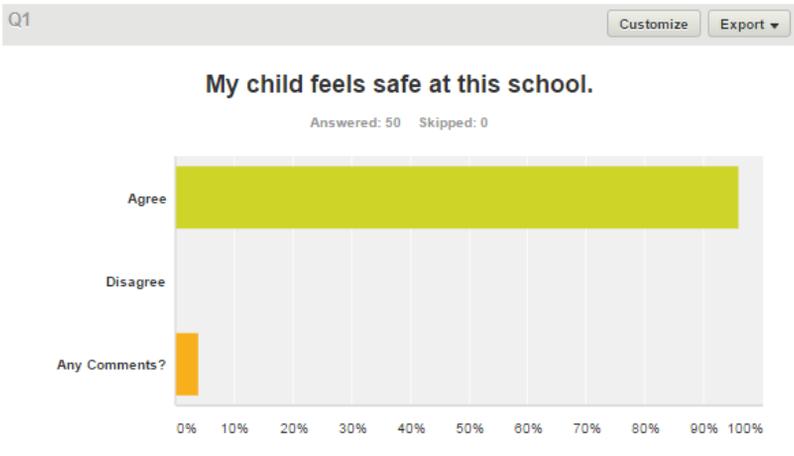
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Event	Class	Time	Date/Days
Rec/Yr1 Class assembly	Rec/Yr1 Mrs Evans		25/11/2015
Scholastics Book Fair			30/11/15- 03/12/15
Rec Class assembly POSTPONED Mrs Williams will confirm a new date soon	Rec	New date to be confirmed	02/12/2015
<b>School Closed - Election day</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE</b>	<b>03/12/2015</b>
Blessing of the Christmas tree	All		03/12/2015
Carols around the tree	All Welcome	13:30	07/12/2015
Pantomime	All		09/12/2015
Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal			14/12/2015
Infant Nativity Play	Day performance	09:00	15/12/2015
Infant Nativity Play	Evening performance	18:00	15/12/2015
Christmas Dinner	ALL		16/12/2015
Christmas Jumper Day	All		18/12/2015
End of term service	All		18/12/2015
<b>Autumn term ends:</b>	All	School closes at 3:15	<u>18/12/2015</u>
<b>Spring term begins:</b>	All	School re-opens at 9:00	<u>04/01/2016</u>
Yr2 Blue Class Trip Titanic Museum			11/01/2016
<b>Half term:</b>	All		<u>15/02/16-</u> <u>19/02/16</u>
Parents Evening	All	Time slot allocations	02/03/2016
<b>Spring term ends:</b>	All	<b>(please note this is a 1 week holiday only)</b>	<u>24/03/2016</u>
<b>Summer term begins:</b>	All		<u>04/04/2016</u>
Class Group Photo	All		12/04/2016

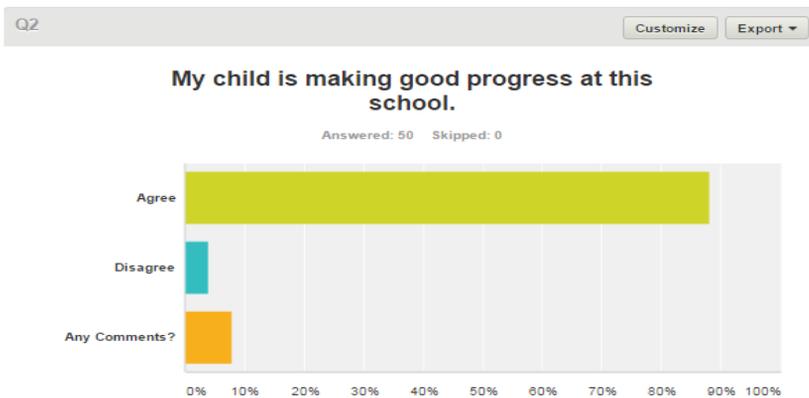
The above dates and times and events may on occasion need to be amended. It is regrettable and we will aim to give you as much notice as possible in the event of any change.

### Parent Questionnaire Evaluation

In October we asked parents to complete our questionnaire using Survey Monkey. We had 50 parents answer the questions and here are the results. Thank you for your time completing this questionnaire.

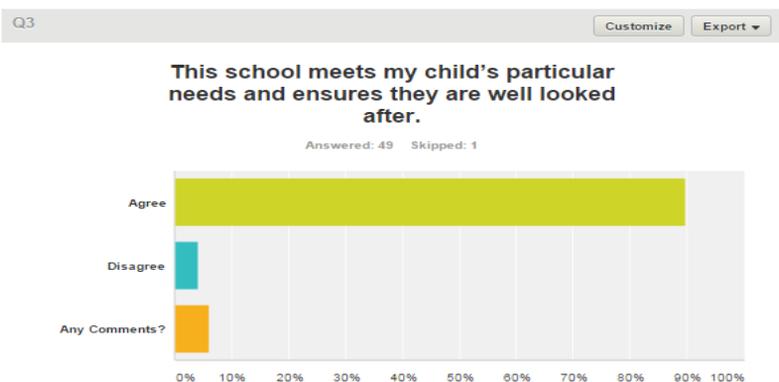


Parents overwhelmingly agreed that their child feels safe in school.

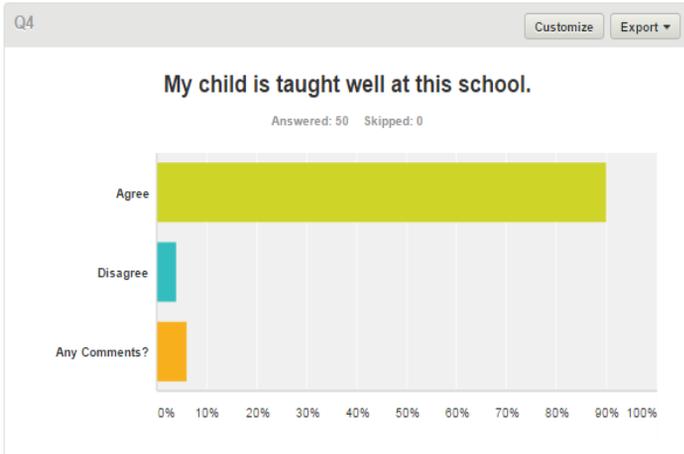


44 parents agreed that their child makes good progress and 2 disagreed. Comments stated: 'at the moment my child is making good progress' 'yes my child makes good progress'. One parent stated that they would like more specific information about how to support their children at home and another parent stated that they would like more regular feedback on progress.

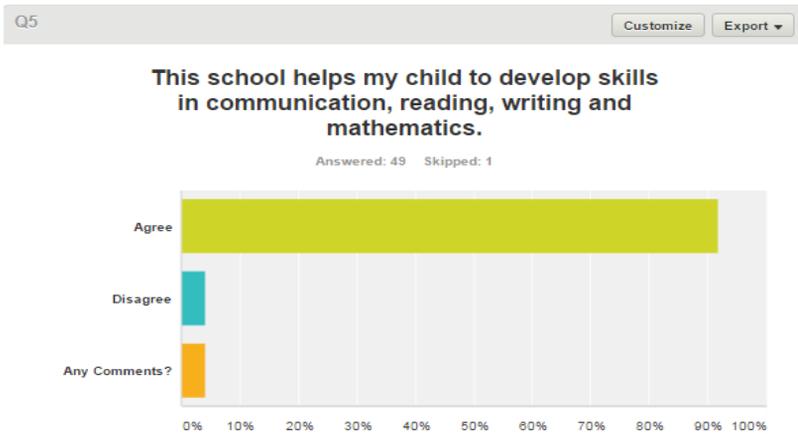
In response to this we will review the termly reports to give more specific information. We appreciate that the change to our assessment system may cause some confusion and we would appreciate any feedback from parents so we can keep making improvements.



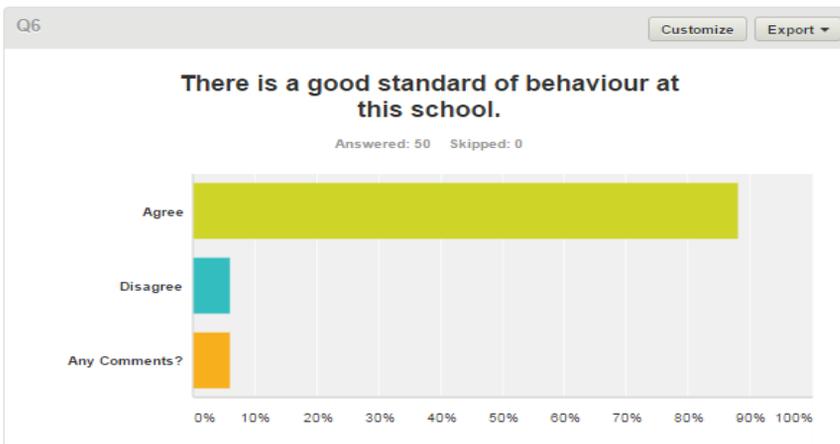
44 parents agreed that their child's needs were met and they were well looked after.



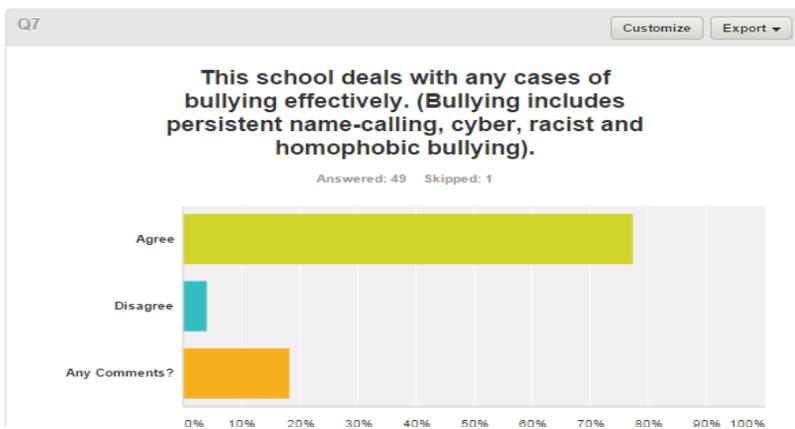
45 parents who answered agreed that their child was taught well. 2 disagreed with this. One comment stated that they were unable to comment and that perhaps some open days would be good so that parents could see the school in action. One parent commented that they believe that there are too many pupils to teach in one class. In response to this we will review the idea of open mornings where parents can take visit school during the day. With regard to class size, we meet the legal requirements and as a growing and successful school we are full in all year groups. We are very mindful of class sizes and every class has additional support from Teaching Assistants.



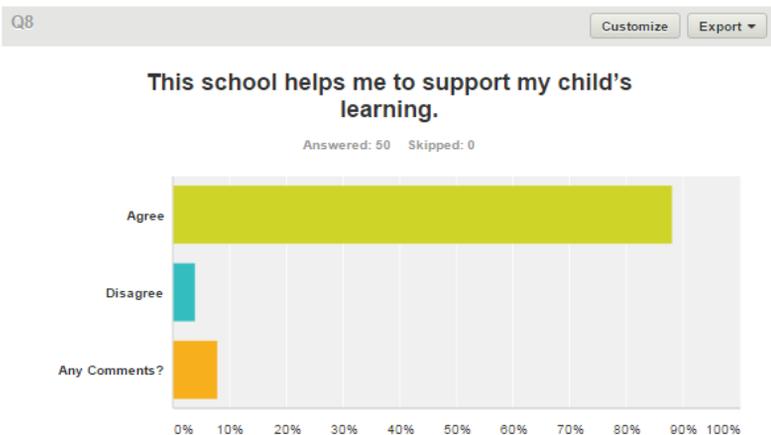
45 parents agreed that the school helps their child to develop in communication, reading, writing and maths. One parent commented 'yes, with limitations as per above' – with reference to the class size. In response to this we would like to direct parents to our website [www.stannesroyton.oldham.sch.uk](http://www.stannesroyton.oldham.sch.uk) for more information about what classes are doing. Each classteacher sends home a weekly newsletter detailing current and future learning. We will, of course, welcome any feedback from parents that will help us to give the right information you need.



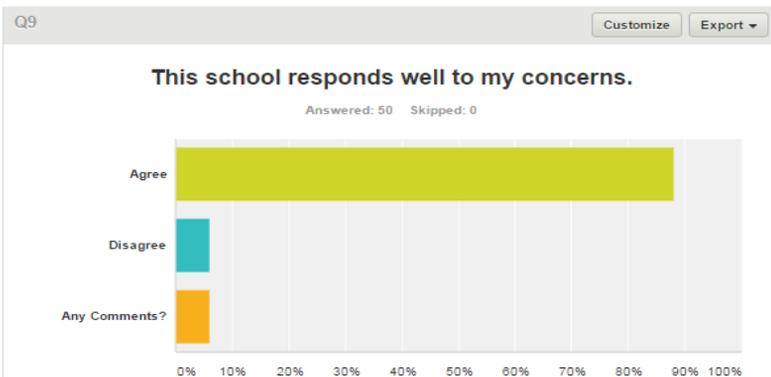
44 parents agreed that behaviour was good. One parent commented that most of the children behave well and any child 'acting badly' was dealt with by the staff.



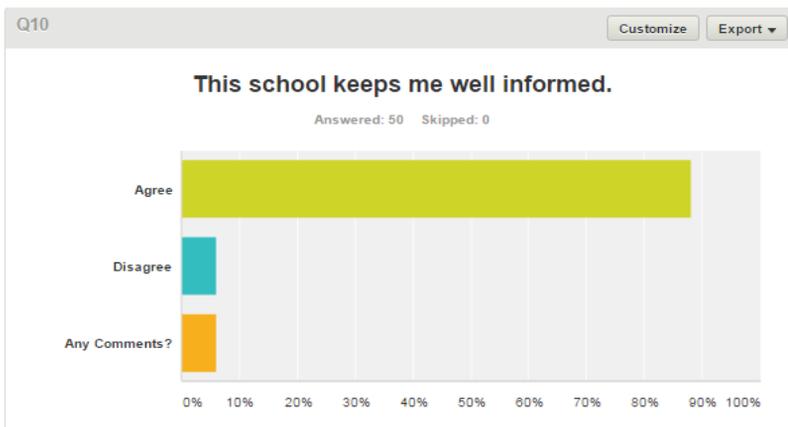
38 parents agreed that school deals with any cases of bullying effectively. 4 parents commented that they could not answer because they have had no experience of this. 1 parent stated 'I have never had to deal with any bullying with my child but I would like to think that the school handles any issue effectively'.



44 parents agreed that school helps them to support their child's learning. One parent stated that parent's evenings could be more focused and direction to discuss strengths, areas for development and how they could work on these at home. Two parents commented 'yes'. One parent would like more detailed information about their child's particular need and how they could concentrate on these at home. In response to this we will review the structure of parent's evenings to ensure that the whole school has a consistent approach.



44 parents agreed that school responds well to concerns. One parent commented 'I don't know.' Another commented that there could sometimes be a delay depending on who it was reported to. Another parent stated 'We have not needed to raise any concerns. However, we are impressed with the way that the office staff deal with any admin issues we may have and feel they deserve credit for this.'



44 parents agreed that school keeps them informed. One parent commented 'often'. One parent commented 'most of the time yes'. Another parent commented 'Yes, however we have two children in the school and some of the emails and texts don't identify which child (or year group) the communication relates to and this causes confusion'. We communicate through regular whole school newsletters, weekly class newsletters, texts, email, phone, termly reports from teachers for individual pupils, end of year report to parents, three parents' evenings and an introduction meeting at the start of the year. We appreciate that texts and emails may be generic and could cause confusion and we will work with Parentmail to improve this.