



# St Piran's Cross C of E MAT

## Grampound Road School

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*Head of School: Miss M Cameron*



Dear Parent

Thank you for taking the time to complete our Parent Questionnaires, these are important to help us find out your views and helps us to improve our school. It also gives us the opportunity to address any questions or comments given in your feedback.

Please see below the table showing the results given:

Results from Parent Questionnaires: Number Completed: 47

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at this school	23 49%	23 49%	1 2%	0	0
My child feels safe at this school	22 47%	23 49%	2 4%	0	0
My child makes good progress at this school.	21 45%	24 51%	0	0	2 4%
My child is well looked after at this school.	25 53%	21 45%	1 2%	0	0
My child is taught well at this school	25 53%	19 40%	1 2%	0	2 4%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	15 32%	25 53%	6 13%	1 2%	0
My child enjoys school dinners or packed lunch	14 30%	28 60%	3 6%	1 2%	1 2%
This school makes sure it's pupils are well behaved.	15 32%	26 55%	1 2%	1 2%	4 8%
This school deals effectively with bullying.	9 19%	16 34%	0	4 8%	18 38%
This school is well led and managed.	22 47%	21 45%	2 4%	0	2 4%
The school responds well to any concerns I raise.	14 30%	25 53%	4 8%	0	4 8%
I receive valuable information from this school about my child's progress.	15 32%	19 40%	8 17%	0	5 11%
I would recommend this school to another parent.	27 58%	16 34%	1 2%	1 2%	2 4%

I am sure you will agree that it is very encouraging to see that a majority of our children are happy and feel safe at school and that you feel they are well looked after and making good progress.

Below are responses to the general comments made by yourselves:

**Wake & Shake** is an important part of the school day, it helps to wake up the brain to help children to learn, linking parts of the brain to different aspects of learning. Wake & Shake will happen in the big playground, when the weather is dry, if children in Gold Class prefer to go straight in to the classroom, this is fine. We try to encourage all our children to join in to help get them ready to learn. We are currently reviewing routines and styles to keep the children interested and having fun, especially our boys. If you have any ideas or suggestions, we would welcome these – please let Mrs Dalby know.

Our School Council are currently working with the staff to review break time activities – the play train has been revamped by our Friends and bikes and play equipment are available at break times, we have invested in an outdoor storage box, which holds play equipment – if you can think of any other activities or have any suggestions or ideas, please let us know.

**The new curriculum** was introduced in September 2014, at Grampound Road we have designed a creative curriculum which embeds our key subjects, as well as strong emphasis placed on art, music and sports. These are all delivered using a kinaesthetic approach.

Sport and Outdoor Education feature strongly within our school and are used throughout the curriculum to help engage our children and ensure they have fun while they learn.

It is a statutory requirement to deliver a language to Key Stage 2 children, French has been introduced and is taught regularly by Fiona Best, with the support of the class teachers embedding this learning throughout the school week. In KS1 teachers are teaching bite-size language sessions and linking these with curriculum learning.

A varied range of **Music Learning** is offered to our children: Tim Senior teaches drums and Teachers from Music Cornwall visit weekly, offering brass, woodwind and guitar lessons. Miss Roberts (Orange class teacher) also offers piano lessons during golden time. We try to promote out of school talents, if your child is involved in anything outside of school, taking part in Christmas productions etc please let us know.

Mr Chris Hunkin is with us teaching a range of PE across the school as well as Tag Rugby. He is a fantastic male role model for our children. Mr Hunkin runs a Key Stage One and Key Stage Two sports club. We also have male governors that play active role in our school life.

**After School Clubs** such as ICT, Sports and Film are offered to children each term, these are free clubs and are offered to support working parents and enrich the school day. We try to ensure a range of clubs for all ages are available, however for little ones we are aware that the school day itself can be long and tiring. Due to low numbers it is not viable for us to run a breakfast or after school club. Little Explorers in the village offer this support and can be contacted on 01726 883444.

**Extra support / intervention** - we will continue to offer termly Parent Consultation evenings, these are currently being reviewed and the format will be more informative and precise. Termly Open afternoons will continue for you to come in to school to look at your child's work with them and

celebrate their successes. Reports will be sent out at an earlier time, at the beginning of the Spring Term.

We have an open door policy – please call in anytime, to make an appointment to see a class teacher or myself about your child's progress or any other general concerns.

Over the coming year we are looking to put in place parent workshops, to help inform you how we teach and how you can help support your child with this learning at home. If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding reading, homework or spellings, please come in and see the class teacher, they will be happy to discuss these with you.

To help communicate your child's learning with you as parents, each class have a maths wall and a literacy wall as well as topic walls, which display learning. These get included on our Facebook page and will be more actively used when our new website is up and running. Or you are more than welcome to pop in to class to see them.

**Homework** is set to help consolidate the learning that has taken place during the week at school, as this is a consolidation children should be able to succeed in completing this homework with little support. A variety of different homework is set including a games, practical and written work is set to help make homework fun and not a chore.

**Anti-bullying** – the meaning of bullying is often misunderstood. This area is constantly focussed on in school and information links are communicated to parents regularly on the website, in the newsletter and on our Facebook page. In school all staff are talking to the children about what bullying is, what it means and how to deal with it. We have booked some anti-bullying workshops and assemblies through Anti Bullying Cornwall and a date will be provided shortly. If you have any concerns at all regarding this matter, please speak to a class teacher or myself. Additional adults are now on duty in our play grounds to monitor and deal with any issues.

**Our Newsletter** is online, on the website and Facebook page to help save with the cost of printing. If however you require a paper copy, this can be sent home in your child's book bag – please let us know. We aim to keep you informed as much as possible via the newsletter, website, facebook, text messages etc but we are only human and sometimes things do get forgotten or overlooked – if this is the case, please feel free to let us know or remind us, it would be very helpful. We include a 'dates for your diary' section in our weekly newsletter to give advance warning of up and coming events, please check this. We try our best to send reminders via text and on our Facebook page.

**Communication**- a teacher or teaching assistant will aim to speak to a parent at the end of school day if any issue arises. If you are not collecting your child and we think you need the information to be passed on promptly, we will try to contact you via phone. If your child has a bump, bruise, graze etc a staff member will complete a slip and put it in your child's bag – we will only notify you directly if the accident / incident is more serious. If your child comes home and discusses an issue with you that we have been unaware of at school, please phone us, someone is in school most evenings until quite late. Staff try to pass messages to you as discreetly as possible, if they feel it confidential they will ask you to go somewhere private.

Next year at the beginning of September, as your child goes up in to a new class, we will be holding welcome meetings for parents to meet the teacher and staff, be introduced to the routines of the new class and learn about expectations, rewards and consequences procedures. This will also offer you an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

**Website** – Our current website is very out of date and due to the way it was originally set up we are unable to change some areas. A new website is currently being built, this will offer heightened security, flexibility, freedom to add and change items – please bear with us.

**Car park**– we have reviewed our car parking and had it checked via a Health and Safety officer form Cornwall council, it is acceptable and we have been informed that it is actually better than most. We are unable to use the playground for additional parking as the surface is unsuitable and would be destroyed. We need your support to help ensure that our children stay safe at drop off and pick up times, particularly in wet weather- please drive at a slow speed and be aware of the zebra crossings. We have approached the community for help and asked the cricket club if we can use their car park as a drop off point, we will keep you informed. White parking space lines have been introduced to make spaces clearer and maximise the area.

**Dismissing** – having reviewed feedback from parents and governors, the opinion is that the new procedure is working well and has helped increase security and safeguarding. Thank you for your phone calls informing us of who is collecting your child at the end of the school day, it is so important that we ensure we are clear on where a child should be and this helps us immensely.

**School Dinners** – thank you for your patience with school dinners – we have regular meetings with Chartwells to try and improve things and we are monitoring the quality of the food on a daily basis. It is still our aspiration to have our own kitchen, offering our own food. The dinner menu will be displayed on our school website.

**Head lice** – this is an ongoing challenge at school, the recommendation from the school nurse is that parents wet comb their children's hair every 3 days, regardless of if they have head lice or not. Unfortunately we are not allowed to check the children's hair at school and it would be helpful if we were informed if your child has head lice and we can communicate this to other parents via the newsletter. If you need further support you can contact the school nurse, Carol Hiley on 01872 221704.

Thank you again for your feedback, we value this greatly to make our school the best it can be. If you have any comments or questions regarding any of the responses, or if you would like to contribute any ideas, please let us know.

Miss M Cameron

Head of School