



14th October 2016

Dear Parents,

**Parental Questionnaire Autumn 2016**

Thank you to so many of you for responding to our parental questionnaire which was sent out last month. We had in the region of 130 families respond and the results are as follows:-

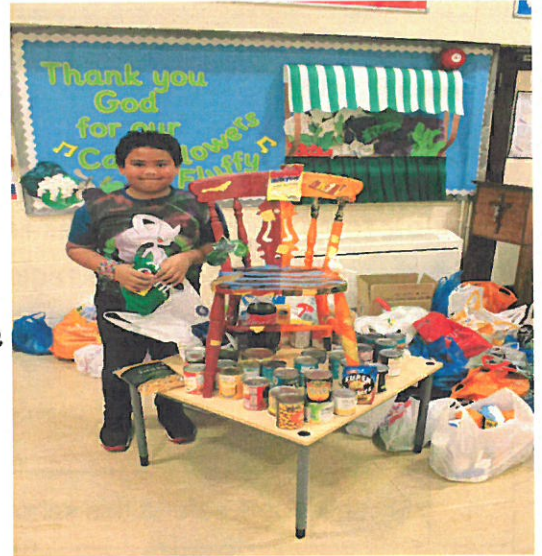
		<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
1	My child feels safe at this school.	69%	31%		
2	My child is making good progress at this school.	50%	48%	2%	
3	This school meets my child's particular needs.	53%	45%	2%	
4	This school ensures my child is well looked after.	58%	41%	1%	
5	My child is taught well at this school.	55%	43%	2%	
6	This school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.	63%	35%	2%	
7	There is a good standard of behaviour at this school.	54%	43%	3%	
8	The school ensures that children are well behaved.	50%	46%	4%	
9	This school deals with any cases of bullying effectively. (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying).	50%	49%		1%
10	This school helps me to support my child's learning.	50%	43%	6%	1%
11	This school responds well to my concerns.	54%	44%	2%	
12	This school keeps me well informed.	59%	38%	2%	1%
13	I would recommend this school to another parent.	<b>Yes</b>	99%	<b>Did not choose</b>	1%

A number of you took the opportunity to make suggestions for improvements to the school. We aim to take these on board, particularly those regarding communication between the school and family about your children's learning.

On that note, thank you to so many of you for attending our KS1 and KS2 information evenings and taking the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher.

### **'Do Good Because of Tomorrow'**

A group of our current Year 6's recently took part in an art project focusing on powerful parables. They collaborated with artist Yinka Ilora and the MK Arts Centre to explore the meanings of chosen parables. Over a period of several weeks, they "upcycled" chairs to relay the message in a creative way. The chairs were then exhibited at the MK Art Centre in Great Linford, to celebrate the children's achievements. The chairs have now been returned to St. Monica's for display around the school. A huge "well done" to Justin, Angelina, Varscha, Tiongi and Petra.



### **School Council Elections**



This year we decided to run the school council elections differently to previous years. The aim was to introduce an election experience to help them to begin to understand what it is like to vote and to try and help the children to vote for who they thought would be a great school councillor rather than voting

for their friends.

The candidates from Years 3-6, who wanted to become a representative had to write a short manifesto and present it to the class.

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September the library was turned into a polling station with booths and voting slips and a ballot box ready for the elections.

The polling station was open 9am - 3pm, and the children could go to the polling station and put a cross in the box for their chosen candidate.

It was a very successful result, the votes were counted and verified by Mrs Branch and Mrs Morris, and it was a close result in some of the year groups. The children

really enjoyed the experience of voting in a formal manner and the election results showed that they did vote for who they thought would be the best candidate for their class.

