

## *Parental Comments made on the annual Parent Questionnaires 2013*

I have collated a variety of comments made in response to the question, 'In what areas of school life do you think St John's Infant excels?' I have grouped them under the Ofsted headings.

### **Achievement**

- St Johns excels academically and offers the children a varied and stimulating curriculum
- The school ensures the children take pride in their work and their school.
- My child has always been offered extra support when needed
- St John's provides a caring, nurturing and encouraging environment which, whilst stretching children, allows them to succeed at a level appropriate to them as individuals.

### **Quality of Teaching**

- The teachers are very approachable and enthusiastic and it is easy to get information about how your child is doing.
- I have been very impressed by the enthusiasm of the teaching staff which reflects on the children.
- The teachers are excellent and make the children interested in all aspects of the curriculum.
- The school offers a broad curriculum.
- St Johns teaches each child at their own pace, so that they are not put off learning.
- Varied learning in the Reception year, superb arts and crafts facilities. Learning about nature and gardening.
- The teaching and support staff are excellent and represent everything that is good about the school.
- All the staff do a brilliant job and my son loves coming to school!

## **Behaviour and Safety**

- Safe nurturing environment for the children to grow up in.
- St John's is a welcoming, warm and secure learning environment.
- The school offers the right mix of discipline and fun.
- My children feel both happy and safe at St John's and are growing in confidence with their abilities academically and socially.

## **Leadership and management**

- St Johns encourages parental involvement in school life.
- Communication with parents is excellent.
- Excellent leadership and care for each child and their families.
- A welcoming head teacher is around every morning to greet the children on arrival.

## **Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development**

- The school has a real "community" feel and all the children in all the years seem to socialise together and get on well and look after each other.
- There is a family spirit of togetherness within the school and everyone is very friendly and the support is strong on every level.
- The links with the local church are strong.
- St John's excels at encouraging connection and understanding of Christian beliefs and the church. The church services and singing are lovely.
- The school backs up and reinforces the values and behaviour we are trying to instil in our children at home.
- The school considers both the educational and emotional well being of the pupils.
- St John's assists the children in becoming independent, confident and socially aware.

- St John's offers good initiatives to make the children feel they are doing their bit and make them aware of the outside world e.g. walking bus, golden boot, special assemblies and services.
- St John's teaches children to consider others and their feelings and to be polite and helpful.
- There is a lot of opportunity for outdoor play.
- The school organises excellent educational trips and visits.
- The size of the school means that the children all know each other and all of the teachers too.
- Excellent links with the local community.

**Other comments included:**

- An amazing school. There is no other quite like it!! It is a privilege for children to start their educational journey here.
  - This is my first child and therefore first experience with school. It has exceeded my expectation on many levels.
  - Great hard working PTA.
  - We have been very happy for the past three years at St John's and recommend it highly.
  - The events like the Father's Day Assembly are a great idea!
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- Exposure to good male role models could be increased.
  - More varied after school clubs & longer after school club hours needed for working parents.
  - It would be great to introduce a breakfast club for working parents.
  - Could languages be introduced into the school curriculum
  - Would be good to learn a range of musical instruments.
  - Please could we have more advice on how parents can support learning at home particularly maths.