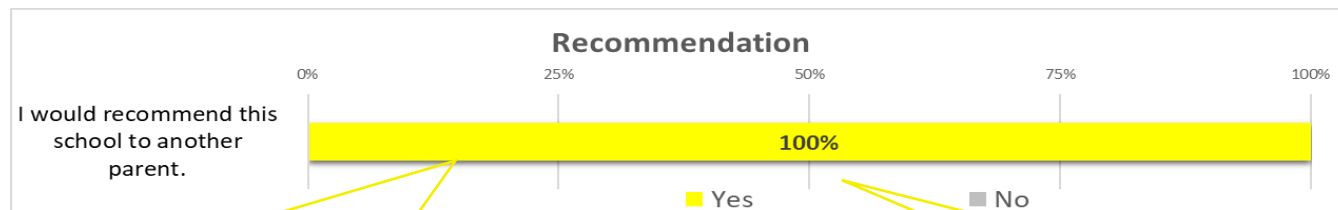




GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER

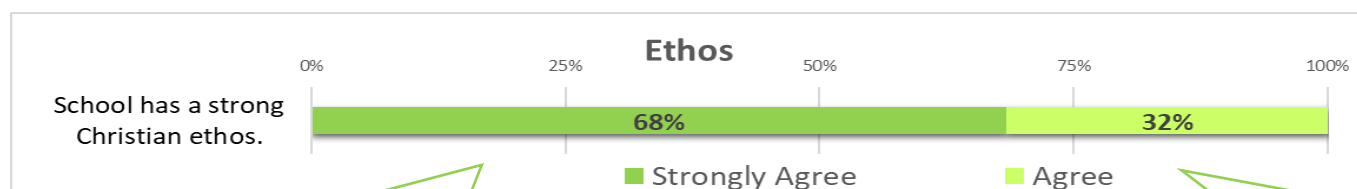
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Thank you to everyone who responded to our parent/ guardian survey as we have really valued hearing all your thoughts. Your responses have supported Governors and Lavant's Senior Leadership team to look at ways to continually improve school, as well as pass on many of your wonderful comments to our dedicated staff.



'Lavant is by far the best school for my children in every way possible. I can't rate the school or staff any higher.'

'We love our school community.'



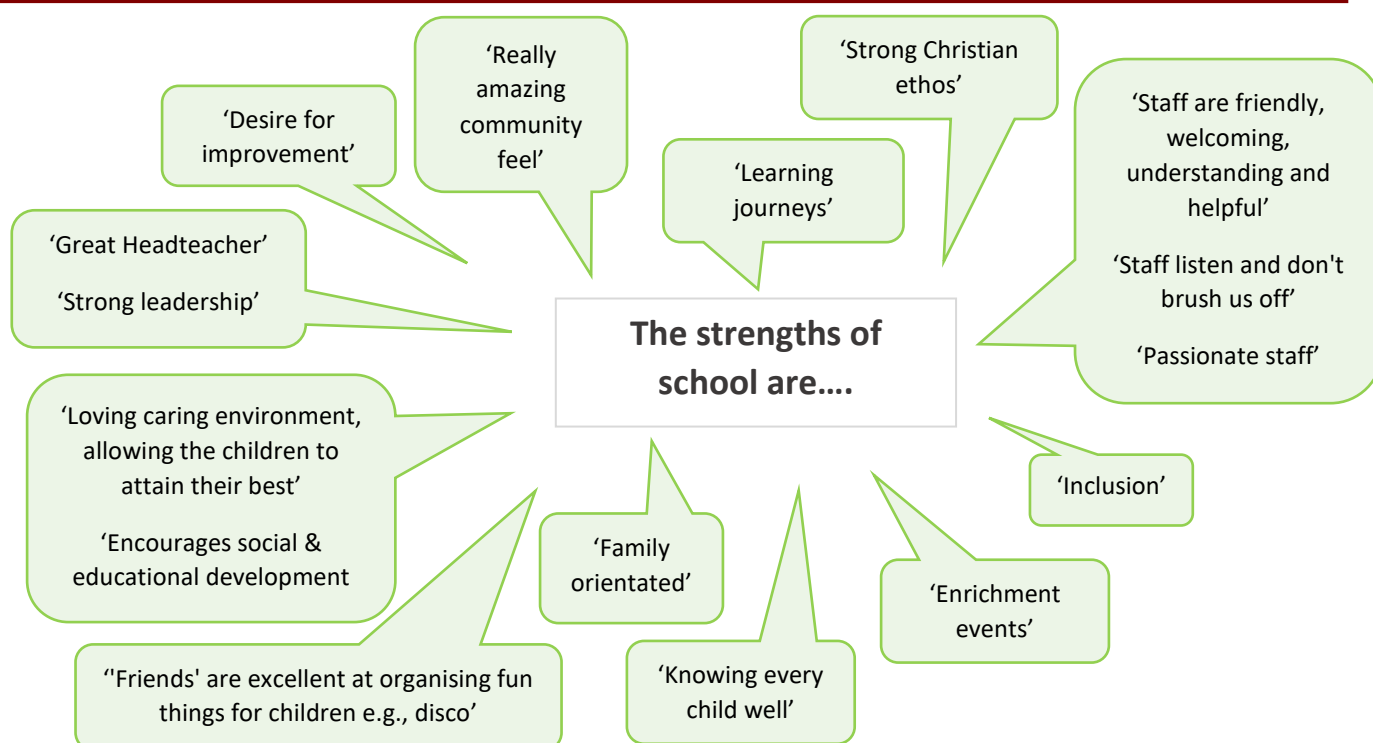
'Thank you - it's clear the older children really welcome the younger ones.'

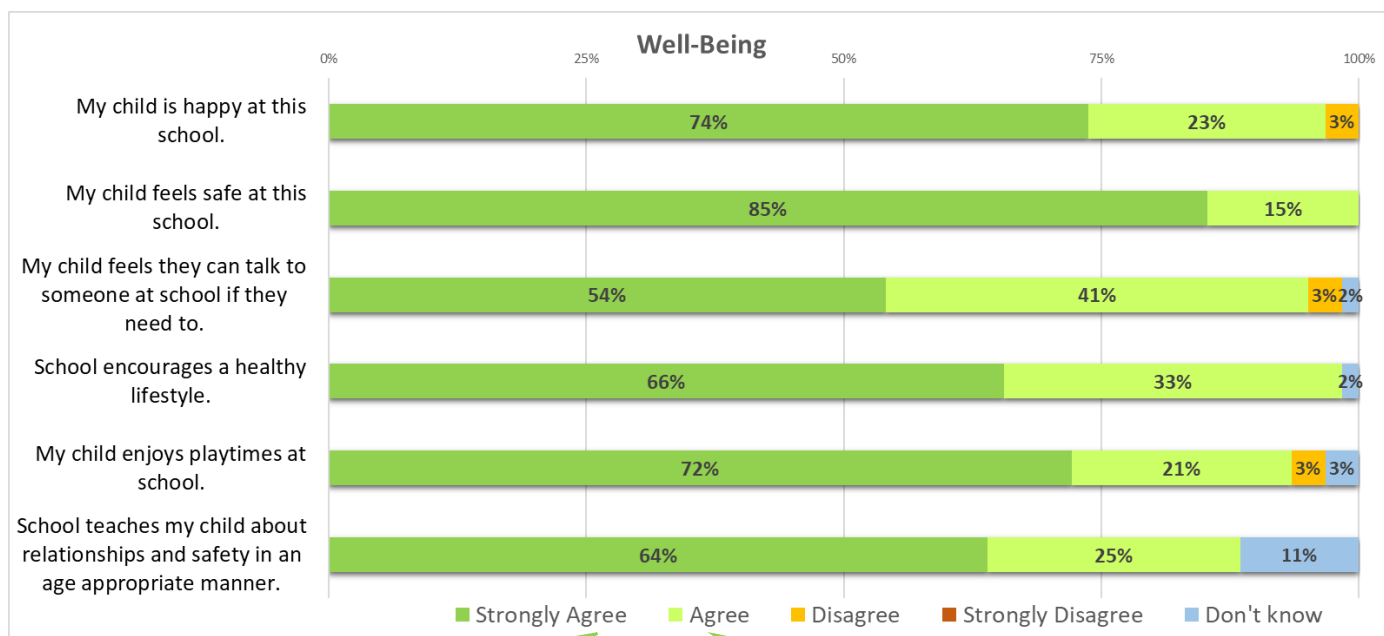
'Everyone is inclusive of everyone.'

'Good values which filter down from the top.'

We are proud to be a strong Christian school with great links to our church community. We have committed to sharing more about how this is part of our everyday life within school. Please look out for more information in Mr King's newsletters, as well as a new school website page '*Christian distinctiveness*'.

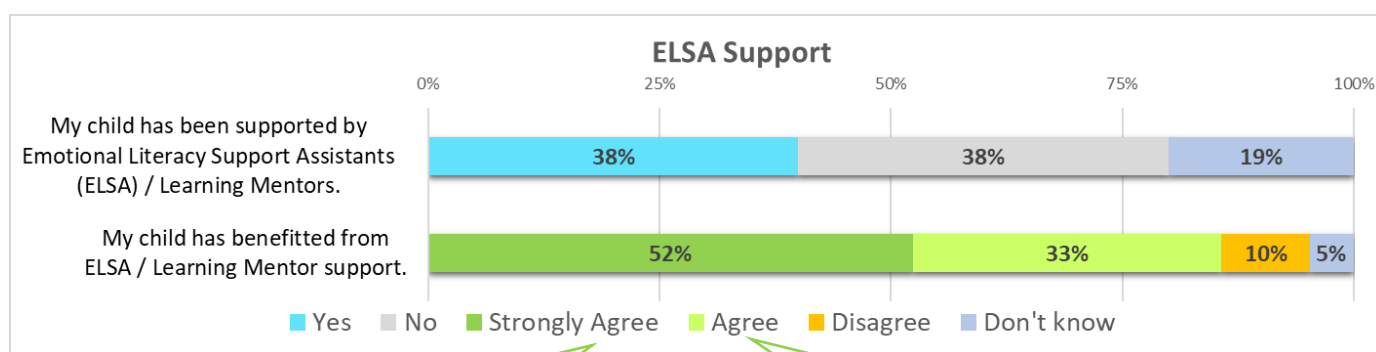
Please remember all parents, grandparents & guardians are welcome to join us at our Church Assembly every Thursday morning at 10:30am.





"We love our Lavant school community, the children are really happy here, thank you."

'All staff provide safe & optimal learning environment at the school for children.'



'ELSA are amazing. What an asset to the school!'

'We are pleased with how members of staff have supported our child through tricky friendships'

We are extremely pleased to hear all your children feel safe in school. All Staff & Governors take your children's safety with the upmost importance.

Some of you would like to know more about how your children learn about relationships & safety. We will look into how we can provide you with a greater understanding of how we teach these areas. Relationship and Health Education is taught through our Happy Minds Programme. To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code (**125986**).

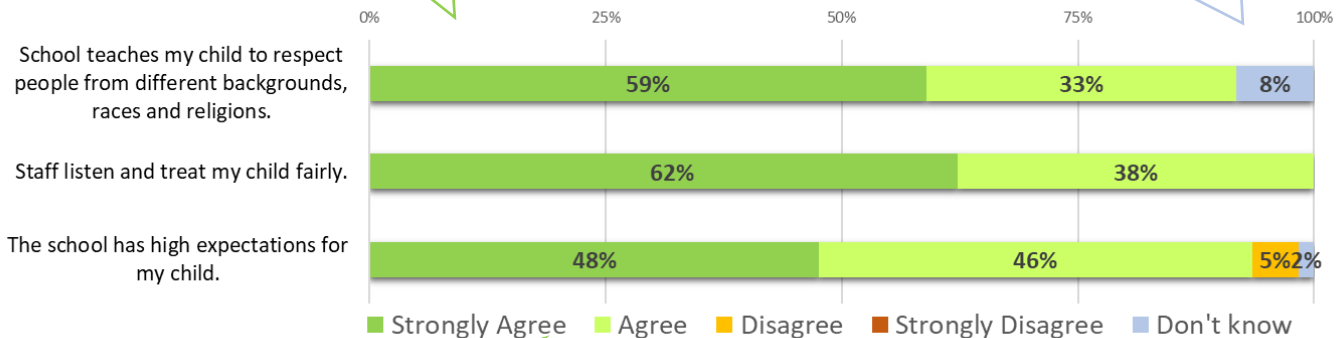
We want every child to know they have someone to talk to in school, so staff regularly dedicate time in assembly to talk about the different ways children can communicate concerns, including our worry boxes in each class. All children are encouraged to identify an adult in school they could talk to if worried about any aspect of life. As Governors, we regularly monitor this by asking children these questions and ensuring there is consistency throughout the school.

If you have any concerns about your child's well-being whilst at school, please come talk to their class teacher, Miss Jones (ELSA) or Mr King.

'There is mutual respect between children and adults in the school.'

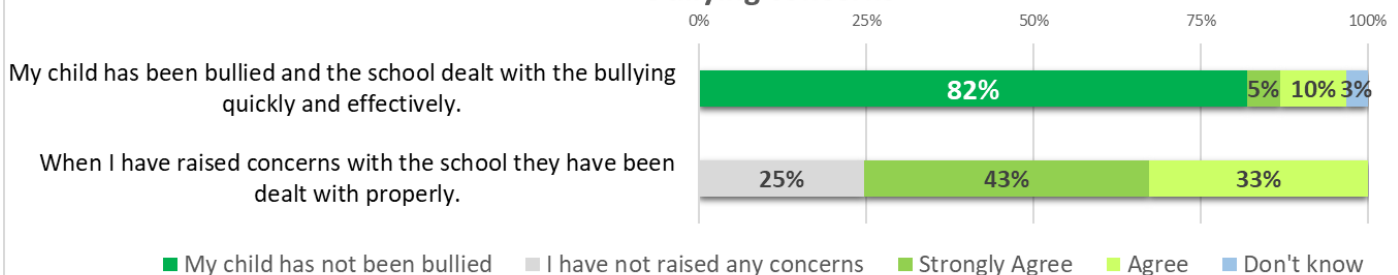
'I would like to know more about how teachers teach my child to respect people from different backgrounds, races & religions.'

Behaviour & Expectations



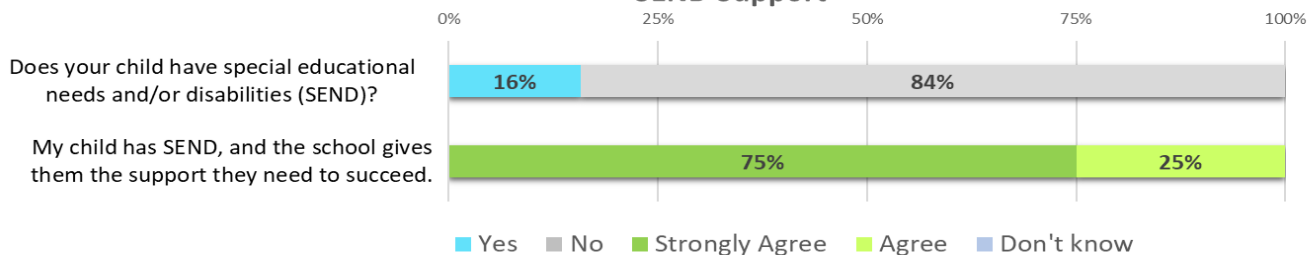
'Keep doing what you're doing & positively challenging them.'

Bullying concerns



'Any concerns raised are dealt with properly.'

SEND Support



As Governors we are responsible for agreeing & monitoring the school's behavioural policy so are really pleased to hear that staff have high expectations of pupils' behaviour in school and listen to pupils.

'We believe good behaviour enables effective learning, and that effective teaching and learning promote good behaviour'.

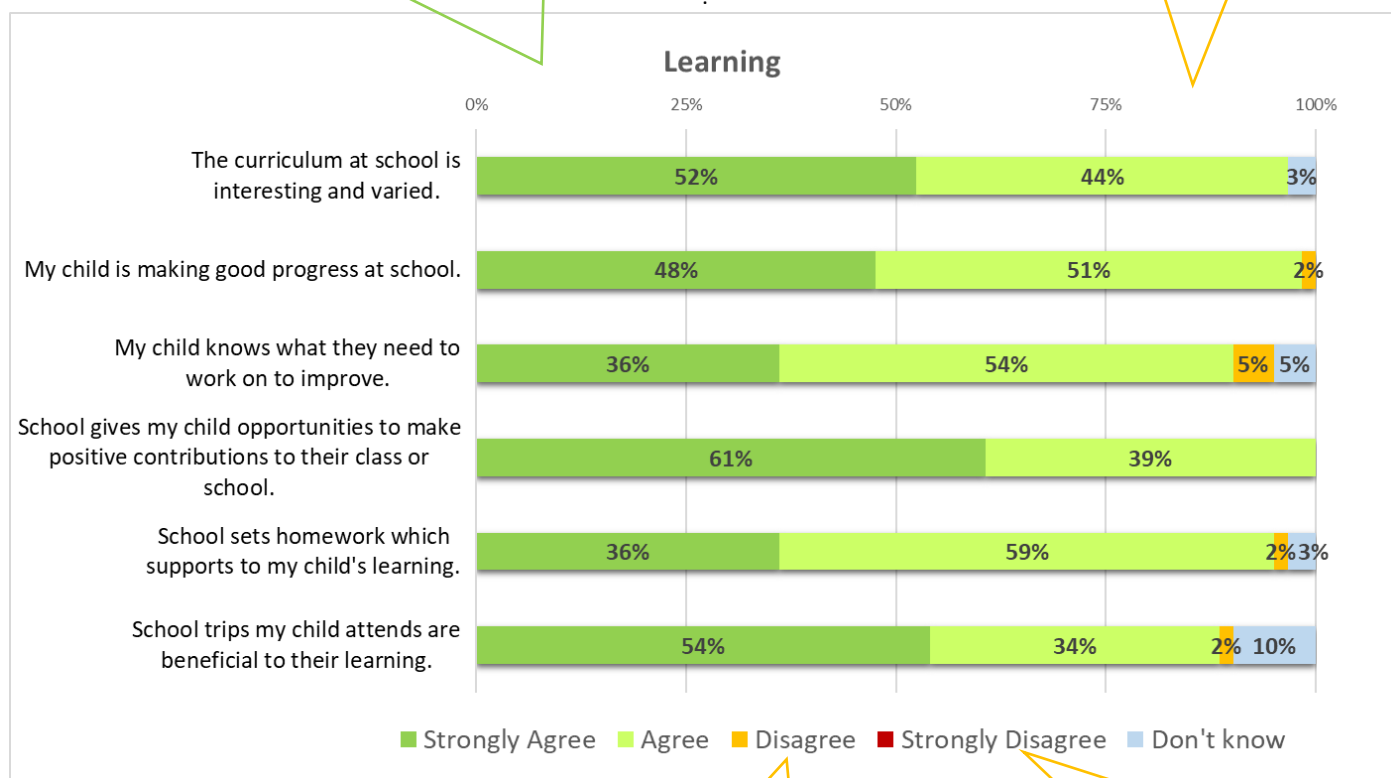
If you would like to look at our behavioural policy, we publish it on our school website to share with everyone.

If as parents & carers you have any concerns, please speak to the class teachers or Mr King so we can work together to ensure your child feels happy, safe and secure. If, however you wish to speak to the Chair of Governors, please let the school office know.

Several parents also asked to know more about how school teaches and promotes respect and understanding of different backgrounds, races and religions. We hope you will be pleased to know this is part of our school development plan for 22-23 and have recently purchased a range of resources and books that celebrate differences.

'School's strengths are their enrichment events
- sporting, production show, author visits

'Are they getting enough
practise to write?'



'Home learning provision is excellent'

'Further stretch activities for more able child'.

'Please give parents more notice regarding trips when requesting money or transport.'

ELSA support for my child

'Higher expectations of what they can achieve'

'Highlighting spelling mistakes in my child's work'

What can our school do to better meet your child's learning needs?

More school trips to keep them engaging

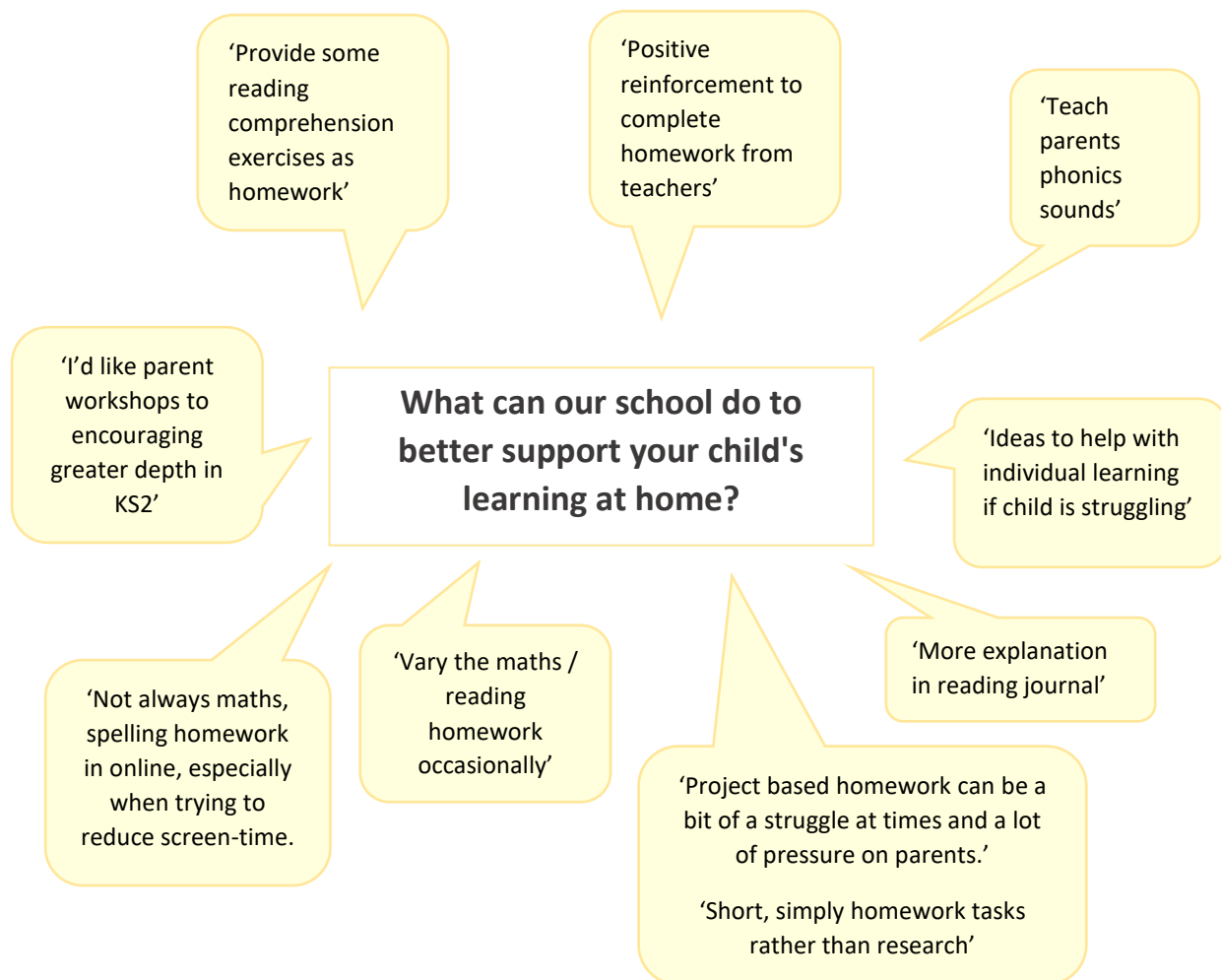
'Additional higher learning'

Understand differences of children more

'Improve home-school communication through SeeSaw'

'More regular reading with an adult'
'Longer opportunities to read with adult'

'Room for improvement within music / performance'
'Weekly times in lesson for art, drama, music'



We too think our learning journey curriculum is exciting and engaging for children! We hope that you find the termly learning overview meetings with teachers a useful insight into what your children will be learning. You should also receive a leaflet with more details of the topics your child will cover each term so please contact your class teacher if you don't receive your copy.

To arm parents with more knowledge of how Lavant CE Primary teach phonics/reading & maths, Governors were pleased to talk to many of you about the usefulness of the recent parent workshops. If you couldn't attend but would like to know more, please contact Mrs Totman (Phonics/Reading) & Mr Taylor (Maths).

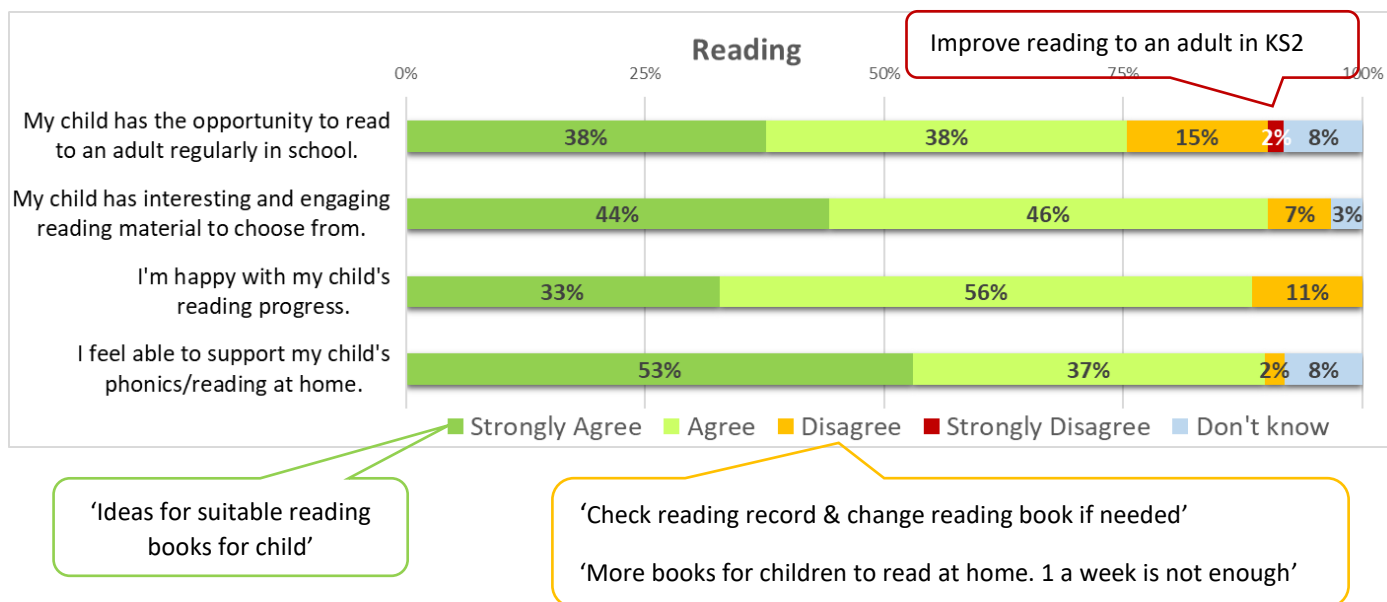
It's great to hear that the vast majority of you believe your children are making good progress at school. As part of our monitoring, all Governors regularly review and challenge school's performance results. Our Chair of Teaching & Learning, Miss Rickard, also attends the termly pupil meetings, where every child's progress is individually reviewed.

A few parents have commented that they would like school to provide greater stretch in their child's learning. We have high expectations for all our pupils and the staff team are currently investigating and considering further ways in which learning can be extended, and excellence celebrated with our pupils. Recently, a group of our pupils attended an external workshop to support and challenge our higher attaining writers.

Many parents asked school to explore whether pupils could have more school trips and experiences. The rising cost of transport is making trips expensive and staff are trying to ensure pupils receive good quality experiences without passing on the full cost to parents & guardians. It's great to hear that all classes have recently been on some exciting outings as well as many pupils attending Dance House, Young voices at Wembley and various sports events with Mrs Goman.

It was fantastic to see so many pupils perform at the music assembly last term and following a review of Lavant's music provision, we have ensured funds to purchase an exciting new teaching scheme called 'Charanga' as well as a class set of glockenspiels and recorders. We are also hoping to buy additional musical instruments, so watch this space!

Lastly, thank you for your feedback on homework and your preferences. As part of school's regular review, staff will be evaluating Lavant's current approach & publishing an updated policy early next year.



Ensuring every child develops their reading is essential and so it continues to be one of our key focus for both Staff & Governors this year. Thank you for your parent feedback as it will help shape our next steps.

As part of our Governor monitoring, we have listened to pupil's views on reading and Mrs Totman has recently researched and purchased new reading materials for Woodpeckers & Pheasants. Additional books have also been purchased to extend readers who have moved beyond the core reading scheme in Robins. We hope you are starting to see some of these coming home and your children are finding a greater selection of books to engage them.

It is fantastic to see the launch of school's adult volunteer reading army, to increase the opportunities pupils read with an adult. We are currently reviewing how the different types of reading, individual & guided reading sessions, are recorded in your child's diaries to ensure you know more about their reading activities within school. We know how passionate Mrs Totman, and the staff team, are about books, so we are thrilled to hear there are many other exciting reading opportunities planned, including book author workshops, interactive storyteller sessions and 'look into a book' assemblies.

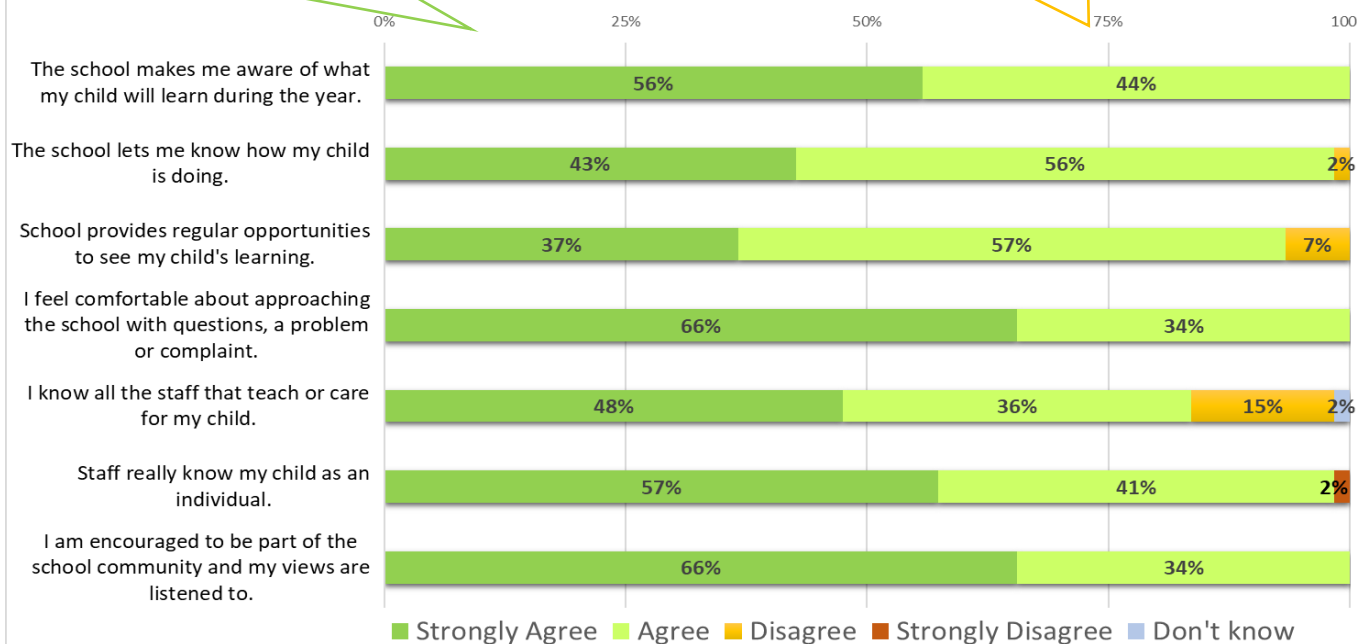
If you have any concerns about your child's reading progress or changing of books, please don't hesitate to speak to the class teacher.



'Staff know the children really well, are approachable & supportive'

'Need longer parents evening sessions'

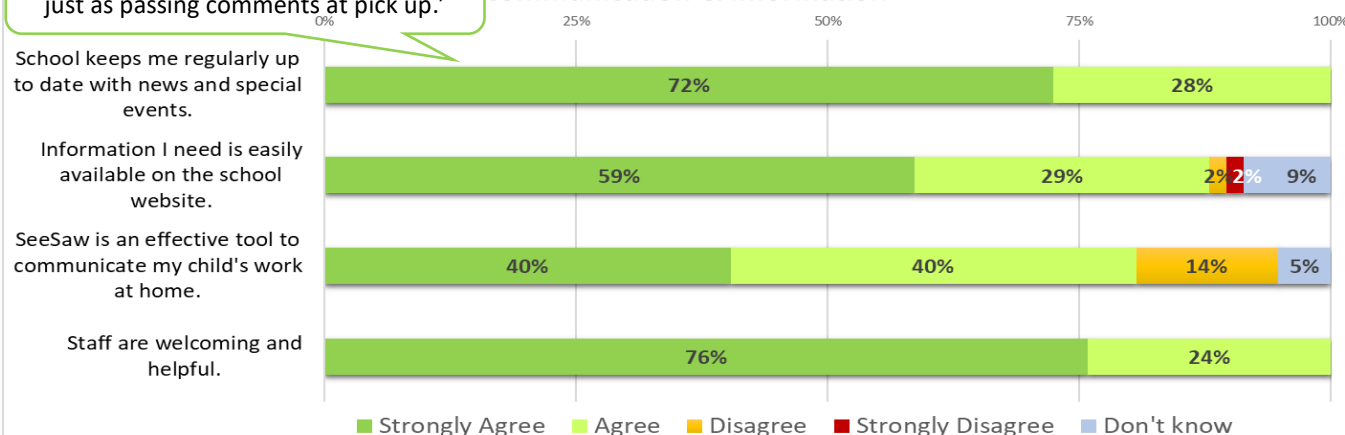
School to home relationship



'Staff photos on website would be useful when new staff join'

'I get good feedback on both children just as passing comments at pick up.'

Communication & Information



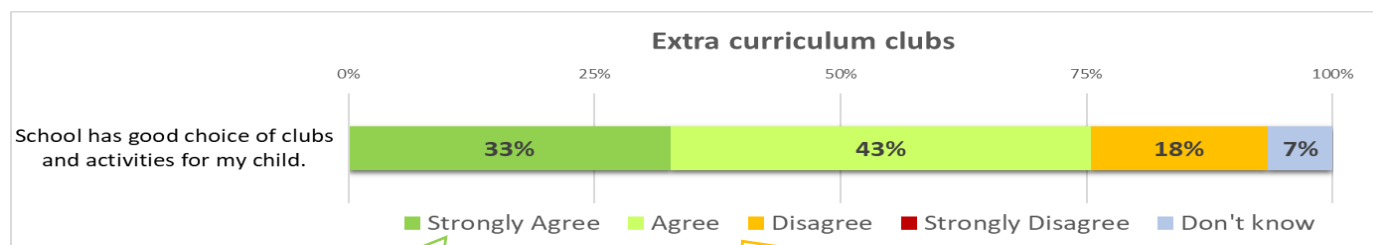
'More notice about events which involve parents so we can organise time out of work'

Thank you for letting us know where school are doing a great job of communicating with you about your child's learning and areas where it can be improved to help manage your commitments.

As we move beyond the restrictions of COVID, we know staff have already reinstated opportunities to allow you to see more of your child's learning and be part of our wonderful school community again.

It was also very evident that parents with multiple children found SeeSaw challenging to use. We are pleased to hear that SeeSaw have now combined their student & parent apps so this should be much easier to manage. If you need further help with setup, please talk to your class teacher.

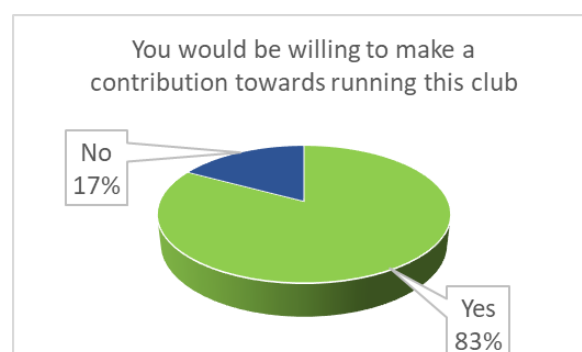
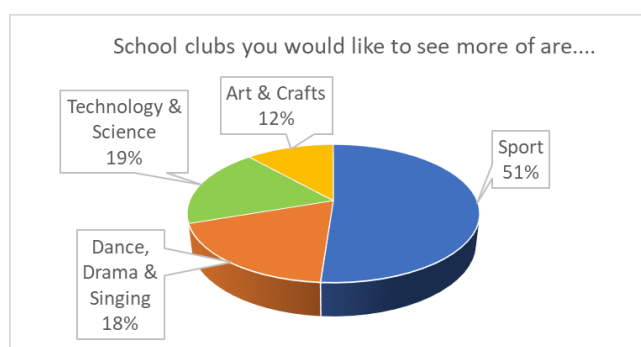
As a small community school, we pride ourselves on getting to know everyone, however from your feedback we'll ensure that all new staff have a little photo in Mr King's newsletter to introduce them, so you know who's looking after your children.



'Good variety of clubs but regrettably most are only available for Yr3+'

'We'd like a different sports club every half-term e.g. tennis, rounders, hockey, cricket, netball & badminton'

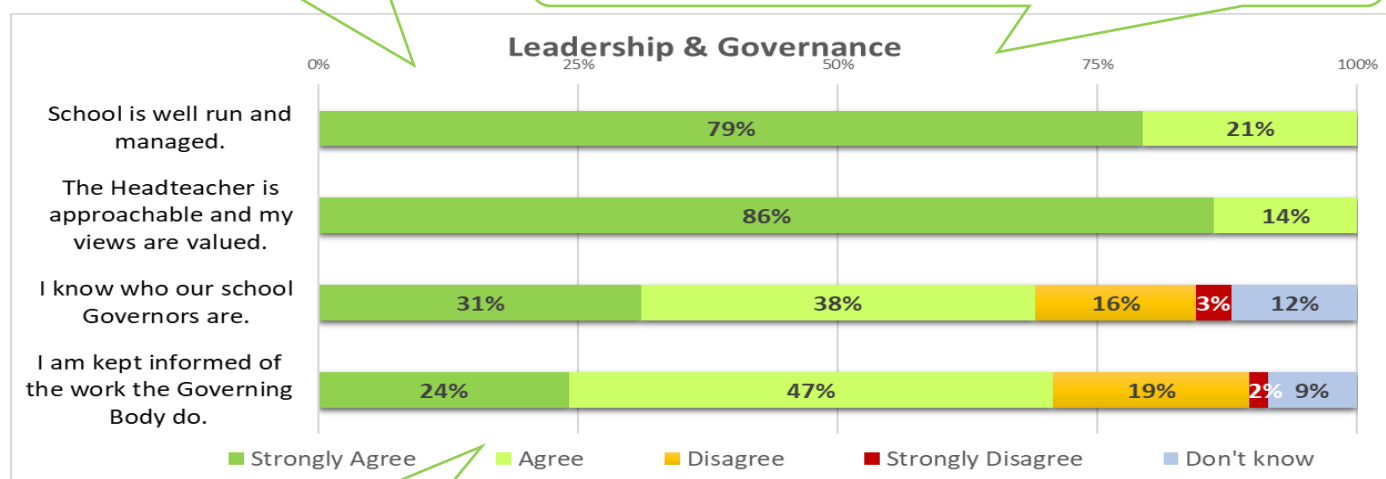
'Football for younger ages'



Your survey feedback highlighted that many parents would like school to provide additional clubs aimed at pupils in Wrens/Robins. As many parents indicated they would be willing to contribute towards a new club, Mr King will explore further opportunities for our younger children.

'Headteacher is approachable & responsive'

'We appreciate being asked these questions and our opinions being valued by giving out this questionnaire.'



'Stay amazing. Well done with all the hard work from everyone.'

'A yearly update from Governing Body. Newsletter including Governor photos would be great.'

It's great to see parents & guardians strongly supporting Mr King & Mr Taylor in their leadership of Lavant CE Primary.

We have also taken on board your feedback regarding Governors & knowing more about what we do. We hope you found Autumn's newsletter interesting and look forward to updating you later in the summer term.

All our newsletters and a bit about each of us is available on the school website under the Governors page.