

Parent Forum - 9th November 2015

Present - Pat Speed, Lesley Kemp, Michelle Wilson, Michelle Mageer, Clare Boland, Helen Tamburro, Phillipa Lewis, Sally Gillbanks, Jo Delooze, Lucia Thacker and Caz Solkin.

Apologies - Kari Kvarme, Linda Ainsworth, Helena Edwards. Maureen Smith.

Building works - Mrs Speed conducted a tour of the new building work in phase 1. (Primarily in KS1). This is near completion. Phase 2 will commence in February 2016 and continue until approx September 2016. This will encompass 2 new class rooms, year 3 class room extensions, toilets, corridors and big hall. Also the ICT suite will become a multi-purpose space, with computers that can retract into the desks.

Solar panels - The Arch Diocese have agreed to install these on our roof (surveyors have been out and agreed that the roof is suitable and the panels will be in a good position to maximise the sun). This should have savings to the school utilities of 7-8k per year.

Christmas Cards - Our school art coordinator, Ashleigh Davies led the school on designing individual cards that could be purchased by parents/carers. (Cauliflower Cards were used). Feed back from parents has been very good. Thank you to our parents who came in to sort the money and order forms and our volunteers that are coming in this week to sort the received orders. We will know how much money this has raised for school funds later this week.

Parking - Discussion on how things could be improved. Families must be respectful and sensible when parking on the side roads around the school. Photographs have been taken of dangerous parking, but this cannot lead anywhere. Parking attendants have been in the area and reminders on the school website. The school field will not be used as a car park as it is classified as a green space. A drop off zone and walking bus were also mentioned.

Lady Green - We are going to work with them on their community incentive for schools. Every £10 spent (at the tills or coffee shop) will provide one school voucher. 250 vouchers will give the school £100 to spend at their store. Parents/carers just have to request the vouchers when paying. We have 80 vouchers already. Carolyn Solkin will facilitate. It will be advertised on the school newsletter and parish newsletter.

Bank account - The school are changing from HSBC to NatWest. We will advise all families in due course to amend any payments. This is due to location of nearest branch.

School uniform supplier (Monk house, College Road) - Chris Lezmore is arranging a meeting on 12th November 2015. This will provide feedback from our parents on the price, quality and wash ability of their products. (Uniform shop on South Road is now also stocking our uniform).

Parent Shelter - This is not a viable proposition. Cost, space and numbers of parents/carers. It may also encourage trespassers and vandalism.

SATS 2016 - Year 2 will be tested but marked internally and will support overall on teacher assessment. Year 6 will be marked externally and will have a result of either met or not met national standards. Both will be around May.

Year 2 mixing of classes going into KS2. This usually happens. A decision will be made nearer the summer.

Holidays - Great Crosby Catholic Primary School usually go in line with Sefton guidelines. This ensures we follow local secondary schools (where siblings attend). Inset days are usually led by when training/trainers are available.

Reception outside area - Donations for new climbing frames were gratefully received by the school. We are in the privileged position of deciding where to site these. It will probably be Spring when the works can be carried out. We will also be making more effective use of the woods and story teller's garden. The existing jungle gym will also be looked at. Any playground lost due to building work will be taken from field area.

School photographer - Really positive feedback from our families. Good quality and style of pictures and friendly natured and very amenable photographer. Good to use a local service too. Requests for a whole year 6 photograph at the end of year.

School lunches to be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Monday 25th January 16 - 7pm