

Parent Forum Minutes – 23rd May 2016

Apologies - Lucia Thacker, Maureen Smith, Michelle Wilson, Fiona Keefe, Linda Ainsworth Mrs Gillbanks Samantha Currie and Pat Speed.

Present – Michelle Mageer, Heidi Smith, John Pugh, Lesley Kemp, Lee Gray, Helen Tamburro, Peter Harvey, Phillipa Lewis, Caz Solkin, Joanne Delooze, Clare Boland, Dympna Bradley & Kari Kvamme.

Review of minutes from last meeting. 7th March 2016

Office Phones – Are manned whenever possible. Please leave polite answer machine messages that will be actioned ASAP. For different people collecting children, try and give class teacher a message in the morning or a prompt call during the day.

Building works phase 2 – Only slightly behind schedule. Regular update meetings take place with senior leadership team. Work all stopped during SATS in year 2 and year 6 to give children the best chance.

School Dinners – We will continually monitor quantities and choices with the area catering manager. This should ensure the children will always get their first choice. The children are always given time to finish their lunch and wherever possible encouraged to eat what has been provided. KS2 are eating outside when the weather is fine. (again supervised).

Year 6 - celebratory performance will take place in Sacred Heart Lower Site. School discos will be in St Helens Church Hall. Photographs will be Weds 25th May.

Year Group mixes – Reception, Y1 and Y4. This can vary each year.

Holy Communion clothes – Thoughts on whether school uniform was the most appropriate choice for boys. Forum was asked to consider this for a future discussion. Parents/carers at forum were happy with current practice.

School Sports – It was noted how the PE coordinators at school put a lot of time and commitment into this subject. It was agreed this is an emotive subject when selection is made for team and individual events. The school will endeavour to be fair and inclusive and

inform parents of selection times when possible. We will also look to adopting a Sports Team Selection Policy.

Homework – Homework mats are used in KS1 – It was suggested that dates be put on the mats against areas when they are taught in class. This will enable parents/carers to reinforce learning at home. This suggestion will be taken to staff.

Class Rejoices will continue in academic year 2016-17

Afternoon Breaks – Year 1 have an afternoon playtime. We have to adhere to the set teaching time in school. Year 3&4 have been taking slightly shorter lunches and morning breaks to enable a afternoon break to break the day more evenly.

Reception/year 1 – will have a maximum of 105 children per year group. We will adopt split classes further up the school. These mixes will be decided upon in the future..

Breakfast Club- Can numbers be increased to encompass bigger hall and larger year group size. (Pauline Maguire Breakfast Club Manager). Numbers will be slightly increasing and positions are always under review. Should parents/carers wish to go on/come off waiting list school should be informed.

Next meeting to be notified.