

## Parent Forum Minutes 06/02/2017

Present - Pat Speed, Carolyn Solkin, Lucia Thacker, Heidi Smith, Samantha Curie, Jan Kirby, Michelle Mageer, Sally Gillbanks and Kavi Kramme.

Apologies - Mrs Boland and Mrs Kemp

Entry path - The Northern Road entry path can get congested at peak times. Parents/carers to continue to be courteous to others and children not to ride their scooters and bikes. The Reception outside resource area cannot be opened up as a cut through as it is being set-up for outside provision. Secondly the path is as wide as permitted from building regulations in proximity to our perimeter.

Year Reps - Year 5, Mrs Mageer being replaced by Mrs Gillbanks. Year 3, Mrs Brophy being replaced by Mrs Smith. Huge thanks to both parties for their long support and contribution to the Parent Forum.

Suggestion Box- This is in school office foyer. It can be used for any ideas for forum agendas.

Nursery - Our nursery will remain at 15 hours provision per child. This will run again at 2.5 days per week either at beginning or end of the week. This works well at the moment and our places are nearly full for 2017/2018 academic year. This will be reviewed annually what works best for our setting and our parents. 30 hours provision is now an entitlement for parents working a minimum of 16 hours per week, earning less than 100k pa.

After School Club- Junior Club of Crosby and Kids Planet (The House) are our current providers. Both pick up at the end of the day. After our last survey to parents/carers the demand for providing this wrap around service was very low. The quality of the

provision would have to be very high (not an extension to the school day), for us to consider putting it in place. Space and costing may be a hurdle too.

Payments direct to school - This is an area that our school business manager has been looking into. We have recently changed our provider to Group Call which does have a facility to use. Our manager is visiting Church Town School (a local primary school that is comparative in size to ours), to gather further information to take this forward.

Years 1 & 2 mixing - Senior Leadership Team have 3 different options for our governing body to discuss. As soon as this has been ratified, parents/carers will be informed.

Phase 3 building works - Plans have now gone to tender and the works should be carried out from June-August 2017. This includes alterations and slight extension in the year 5/6 area of school.

Adult Classes in School - PSA has been working with Hugh Baird and Cambridge Road adult centre to run courses on our premises. It is aimed to promote community links and family well-being. The first course due to start at the end of February is floristry.

Homework mats - always an emotive subject. Parents/carers are equally split on loving them/hating them. They are there as an aid for parents/carers to share as much or as little time on research and learning in Maths and English. Year 6 homework is much stricter in preparation for high school.

Year 6 end of year - No phones allowed on trip, school disco will be for 5&6, possibly at St Helens Church again. There will be a Mass, end of year production (maybe at Sacred Heart as the stage is far better) and retreat. The children receive crucifixes in Mass and autograph books (signing of shirts is not permitted on school premises). In other year 6 leavers classes, parents have got together and organised a disco off site (Playfootball.net) on the last day of term.

Communion clothes - Girls are advised to wear a simple white gown in our parish. Boys in St Peters & St Pauls uniform and own/school tie, with a sash and St Helens smart clothes with sash. From this year there will be separate Masses for Communions

Lollipop man petition to be put on school newsletter again for further support.

NEXT MEETING. Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April @7pm