

Parent Forum Minutes

3rd April 2019

2:15-3:15pm

Apologies: Mrs Turner , Mrs Skelton

Mrs Higgins opened the meeting with a prayer and thanked the parent reps for organising the Easter Egg Hunt.

1. Updates from this half term

Lenten Masses on Friday mornings have been well attended

SATs talks for parents Yr 6 (Year 2 SATs talk after Easter hols)

Governor Learning Walk takes place each term: RE focus

Section 48 inspection in summer term will know date 10 days in advance, will ask for parents to talk to inspectors on day. Looks at Catholic life of the school. Run by the dioceses. Very formal.

Pancake races Yr 1, World Book Day and Y6 public speaking competition

Infant singing Year 2 great success this year, thank you

Trips: Yr 1 to Painshill Park cancelled due to rain/ high winds, now 30th April, Hydestyle in to Yr 3,KS 2 to Mass, Yr 6 to Wintershall, Yr 5 tree planting at Ladywell

Bikeability and Pedals Yrs 4 and yr 2

Passion Play Yr 6 today – open to all at 7pm.

Sporting successes, swimming gala, football, netball, cross country event at Barrow Hills

Y6 Art competition at King Edwards Witley

Rise Theatre Group came in and did drama and art classes around the parable of the mustard seed – great feedback from kids and teachers.

2. Upcoming events:

EOT Mass 4th April with Reconciliation after Mass

Swimming Year 3 starts 29th April @ Broadwater

Athletics/ District Sports KS 2. Athletics in PE lessons then 4 weeks training at Charterhouse for selection of pupils (c. 5 boys and 5 girls from each class) Date 16th July at Charterhouse

International Day 29th April – learning in each class in the morning and activities in the afternoon. The children can dress up.

Golden Jubilee 23rd May. Memories and photos please. Mass Outside (hopefully) with Bishop Richard, followed by picnic lunch. Display in the hall. Please send in any photos/ memories that you would like to share.

KS 2 SATs week 13/5/19, KS 1 during May

Hockey tournament.

3. Feedback on new website

Generally very positive feedback across the board. More modern and visually pleasing, easy to navigate and great that it's device agnostic. The calendar is very helpful. Like photo slideshow, HT Blog.

4. Feedback from parents

Y2 – infant singing was a great success, the kids really enjoyed and were well organised, knew the songs well and their uniforms looked very smart. Some complaints about the organisation before and after the event with parents milling around and not knowing what to do.... St Eds to feedback to the organisers.

Y2 – still using pens in class that aren't washable - getting marks all over the shirts including on their backs. Have to chuck out shirts. Mrs Higgins says pens do say they are washable and will look into this.

Y2 - Can someone prompt reminders of homework drop off and collection - harder for parents with childcare and other arrangements. Feedback to be passed on to class teacher.

Y2 - Lost uniform - appreciate not a teacher issue but WHERE do the missing items go?! Please look in the lost property bin in the office, there's a table of stuff outside at the moment too and please name all your items.

Y2 - Mrs Scott does an incredible job, fantastic teacher. – Thank you, will pass on the feedback.

Conversation around effectiveness of Classlist to contact other parents. Jess did a little experiment to ask those who had seen her message regarding feedback to "like" the status. It got 7 likes - 2 from the same family. It doesn't seem to be reaching all the parents. Feedback to be given to PSA.

Y4 – Bikability is too expensive at £15. Mrs H said that this is set by Surrey County Council and it out of their hands. It goes towards the tuition fee for the morning.

Y4 – Could we have clearer instructions / reminders about homework and what is needed to be brought in to school. Mrs H to feed back to class teacher – although this was probably done purposefully to encourage independence and organisation.

Y4 – it was a shame that some boys at the swimming gala didn't get to take part in many races, or did just a short novelty race. Mrs H agreed there were some issues with the overall organisation of the events although the children did still enjoy it. The instructions that the teachers were given were incorrect and, in addition, they were not allowed to race the boys in the girls races despite the v boy heavy class. Mrs H said they would be better organised next year.

Y4 – concern over inappropriate games in the playground. Teachers are there in the playground and are watching, Mrs H assured that they would keep an eye out.

Y6 – the student teacher has been very successful – the parents have been very enthused about her and will be sad to see her go. There has been a good mix of SATs revision and other more varied learning. Y6 students have enjoyed having responsibilities.

5. AOB

Mrs Shorten advised that some parents don't feel they get feedback from their feedback from the reps. Reps to make sure feedback answers to go back to the parents. And minutes are published on the website.

Inset days for next year are still TBC. Partly because St Edmunds are looking into working with other schools and both the Confederation and Xavier Trust Academy have shared INSET days.

There is currently one space in Reception class.

Next meeting: **Tuesday 21st May 2:15pm**