

Parent Forum Minutes - Wednesday 17th October 2018 2:15-3:15

Attended by Mrs Elias, Mrs Ayres, Mrs Turner, Ms Bagnell, Mrs Stamouli, Mrs Skelton, Mrs Gadd, Mrs Rees, Mrs Higgins, Mrs Shorten & Mrs Hua

Meeting started with a prayer

The parent forum members for each year group are:

Yr R		
Yr 1	Mrs Elias (Mia)	Mrs Ayres (Olivia)
Yr 2	Mrs Turner (Patrick)	Ms Bagnell (Lochlainn)
Yr 3	Mrs Stamouli (Alexandros)	Mrs Skelton (Sophia)
Yr 4	Mrs Panzini (Leo)	Mrs Gadd (Eden)
Yr 5	Mrs Chare (Helena)	Mrs Rees (Maisie)
Yr 6	Mrs Amos (Joe)	Mrs Groome (Emma)

- Mrs Higgins to communicate directly with Year R parents looking for representation at the parent forum meetings
- The aims of the parent forum were restated (no new reps to welcome)

Key priorities this academic year

- Raise overall teaching to Ofsted outstanding level
- For all children to make or exceed expected progress with a focus on core subjects
 - This year's focus subject is writing (last year was maths), observations across the whole school have been completed – looking for more ways to write and improve the standard of writing
 - This is more about composition and isn't focused on hand writing. Hand writing practice continues in all classes
 - Children obtain a pen license in Year 3, when children have confidence and stamina in their hand writing, it's consistently neat and joined up
- To prepare St Edmunds for a successful mid-long term future
 - The long term vision from the diocese is for St Edmunds to join the Xavier Trust the Diocesan MAT for Surrey schools– St Edmunds will continue to work with the Godalming confederation of schools but not as a formal member of the new Godalming Learning Trust
 - This will not affect the day to day running of the school, things like recruitment, purchasing, policies will be central functions and its hoped that cost savings will be made
 - This Parish Vision forms part of this work as does the long term development of the parish churches and school grounds
 - Succession planning for school governors will also need to happen

Summer 2018 results:

- KS2 significantly above local and national average in reading, maths and grammar
- KS1 also above Surrey and national average

Half term update

- INSET Days in September focused on Restorative Approaches - how to approach a situation differently, thinking about who is affected and dealing with the issue differently. There was a safeguarding update and planning for the new school year
- Lesson observations (with a focus on writing) across all year groups
- Appraisal meetings for all the teachers, their targets were reviewed from last year and new targets set for this year
- Teachers have met with last years' teachers and looked at pupil' progress and expected progress this year
- Visits and school trips
 - School council to the Houses of parliament
 - Y3 to Stonehenge
 - Y6 to Bude
 - Y5 Chertsey museum
 - Y4 to Poppy factory (tomorrow)
- Commissioning service for roles and responsibilities
- Harvest Liturgy
- Life Bus – healthy choices
- Grandparents Day – very well attended and more manageable with the parents asked to not attend, instead leaving chairs for the grandparents
- Reading workshop for Yr R parents (Friday)
- Class assemblies from Y5 and Y3

Coming up

- St Michael's mufti – Friday 19th Oct
- NSPCC Assemblies in November, coinciding with Anti-bullying week
- Wintershall Assembly in December
- St Edmunds Feast Day 20th Nov – mass in the morning and a fun activity in the afternoon
- Trips Y2 to Hampton court, Y4 to Roald Dahl museum
- Christmas performances: Yr R, 1, 2 Nativity at school 11th & 12th December, Yr 3 & 4 Carol Service 13th December and Yr 5 & 6 Performance on 17th December 2pm and 6pm
- Christmas market 1st December
 - Sweets mufti 23rd Nov
 - Bottle mufti 30th Nov

AOB from parents

- Children and coming home with full water bottles, it was confirmed the children are encouraged to drink, lunchtime water is made available, reminders are provided, water bottles are taken outside at break time and water fountains are available
- Water is the recommended drink for children to bring into school
- There is no longer a specialist language teacher, the school was asked what they are doing about this – responsibility now lands with the class teachers to provide language lessons, when asked if all teachers could speak another language, the response was not all but primary teachers are expected to teach all subjects.

- The move from KS1 to 2 – finding the right level of independence has been noticed again by parents. It was requested if what the children are expected to bring into school (and the rules around this) could be provided prior to the children buying pencil cases etc. and then being told they are not suitable – maybe put simple guideline on the school uniform form?
- It was noted that children have settled into their new classes well
- No complaints or issues were raised with the booking of appointments via ParentMail for the Teacher/Parent consultations
- Parent Forum are responsible for purchasing the Easter & Christmas chocolates, providing refreshments for the new-intake parents in the hall and mulled wine/mince pies at the end of year carol concert.