



St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

“Making Learning a Life Long Friend”

PARENT FORUM MEETING

THURSDAY, 15th MARCH 2018

A G E N D A

1. **Present:** - Mr Gibson (Zachary Gibson Reception), Mrs Pope (Year 3 and Year 5 Ben and Ellie Pope), Mrs Owen (Year 3 Daniel Owen), Xanthe Verney (Year 4 Nathan Verney), Mrs Poole (Sam Poole Year 5), Miss Rosson, Mrs Anderson - Palmer (Reception and Year 4 (James Anderson Palmer and Lucia Orbell) and Governor)
2. **Apologies :** Miss Knight (Year 4), Mrs Meakin (Year 3 and Reception), Mrs Ashman, Mrs Toni - Lymer,
3. **Welcome from Mr Hobson**
4. **Minutes:** Minutes from last session was discussed.
5. **Ties** - The selection of ties were passed around the room. It was agreed that the parents liked the ones that the children had chosen as part of school council. The Parents were not overly keen on the single coloured ties that were suggested to be worn as part of them being the House Captain - they thought that the badge would be enough and it shows unity. It will also show other people around the community which school they will go to. Some parents were a little shocked how the children could not wear a proper tie. Miss Rosson also discussed that this would be from Key Stage 2 - some parents wondered why this would not be the whole school?
6. **Uniform** - Discussion about having a link with Tesco about getting the uniform from this. Is there any implication for the cost of the Tesco joining? Also what is the quality like will and will you still be able to get the uniform from the Uniform Man in Milton. From the last meeting it was discussed as some parents were not overly keen on the shirts but with ties could see that this would have to be something that they would have to get used to. Is there any way that we could look at them wearing a polo shirt on P.E. days? We discussed about wearing bows and that the JoJo bows are a ridiculous size and that if children are wearing things in their hair they need to make sure that it is the school colours. One small pair of studs to be worn and to have normal watch not Fit Biit or Apple Watch.
7. **Getting changed** - According to a parent - Year 6 are not having the blinds shut. Apparently when TA is out of the room being silly please make sure that the blinds are shut - make sure that they are shut because of the housing. Year 3 downwards ok about them being in the same room. Swimming separate changing rooms.
8. **Parent Questionnaire** - good result. They agreed with the comment about the gate and this still worries the parents - they know it is being sorted but when is it going to be sorted? Safeguarding was something that was worrying by one parent in the Wednesday afternoon on the Snow Day was able to just walk in to the school and

collect their child. We then discussed the Lockdown procedure - it was explained that this was in place and this is something that we will be testing - just waiting for the alarm being changed. It was suggested before the Lockdown perhaps speaking to the neighbour about the sound that will be coming so there will be no complaints. Is there anything in place for the parents if they are on the Yard when it is Lockdown and what would they hear? Rachel discussed about the use of the telephone line.

9. **Road Safety** - Parents still think that it should go on the Newsletter about who to contact. Could we offer as a school a way of making sure that the kids are looked after by the teachers for a certain amount of time to reduce the amount of cars for example keeping them until 3:45p.m. before they are put into After School Club. Mrs Pope discussed how she had told Miss Buckley about Staffordshire Safer Road Partnership - Offering Money for them £5000 funding. Perhaps speaking to the council about implementing a One Way. When we have the new gates where will the children be entering? Is there anywhere in the school where Bike Racks and Scooter Racks could be put to get the children more eco - friendly then reducing the amount of cars on the car park. This then led to a discussed about a staggered Finish - Starting with the youngest at 3:20p.m. - Moving the children up in to the different Year Groups. Could parents be kept more informed about where Kids Club are going to be if they are not in the Hall. Are Posters going to be made to have outside the school to remind the parents how to park? Also will we see the POSO more? Is a Lollipop person a possibility? It was discussed how Year 6 children were often seen walking with their mobiles on their way home and not looking where they are going. It was suggested that School discuss with the children the idea of being safe when they are walking home and not looking at their mobiles. It was asked why are children allowed to bring Mobiles into school? Miss Rosson discussed how mobiles had to be left at the front office and would be returned at the end of the day. It was discussed that Parents then tracked their child home to make sure that they got home at the correct time and safely. Would it be good idea for the children to have a basic phone so that they are not distracted on the way home so they are not using Social Media?
10. **Role of the TA** - They are doing a brilliant job. They were nurturing and helped children/teachers greatly on a daily basis. Miss Rosson discussed how Mr Hobson had said that he will do everything in his power, budget dependent, to make sure that the role of the TA stays the same
11. **Health and Safety - Parking**
12. **Safeguarding** - Snow Day able to walk into school. Children being refused using Inhalers.
13. **AOB:**
 - **Lunchtime Supervisors** - Training in place for Lunchtime Supervisors "More Play and Less Barking." Jenny Moseley - Training. Inappropriate language is not being used to speak to the children. This is now knocking the Self - esteem of the children and is mentioned a lot about the children not wanting to come to school because of it. The parents believe that the role of the Lunchtime Supervisor is for facilitating play. Rachel mentioned about how she is implementing a Pupil Voice Questionnaire - talk about Lunchtime Supervisor. Are all the Lunchtime Supervisors First Aid trained as there are still instances about the use of inhalers on the playground?
 - **Year 4 Trip / Year 6 Trip** - The trips are brilliant and the children have really enjoyed it. But perhaps for Parents to see what they have done an assembly or presentation to show some photographs of the

week. Would also help other children in what is going to happen in the future.

- **Text Message** - Looking at App - Looking at getting more than one text to the parent not just one parent.
- **Maths evening** - A massive thank you for the maths evening - positive feedback. On the website for the hand out. If things are in place - Film in the classroom more parents would have come.
- **Parent Forum** - It was discussed that perhaps having a class representative to come to the Parents Forum. 6:00 p.m. is still a good time to do the Parents Forum but perhaps offering a film for the children. This linked to the PTFA looking at getting them to discuss at the New Parents Meeting (Reception) to share what their role is and to see if they can get involved more and for Governors to come to be introduced - roles explained. This was suggested a few years ago about coming to the New Parents Meeting but this was declined. Looking at four really good events from the PTFA having 4 good stalls to get really good interest. The parents wanted to know if we did as well when they started earlier. This then lead to the parents asking at Christmas a lot of money was being asked for - could this be done in a better way for example asking for a lump sum rather than a little bit of money here and there.
- **Wordings on letters** - It was discussed in the meeting that the Fire Station letter was not worded correctly. Asking for a voluntary cost is something that perhaps should have been worded differently.
- **Mothers' Day Breakfast** - Should this have been done as it excludes parents from coming to events like this especially the ones that work. Perhaps this is something that needs to be looked at as this will cause the children to be upset if they did not have a parent there. This led to the discussion about how lovely it is to have a parent come of Christmas Lunch this seemed to be aimed at the Lower School but this would be across all the school.
- **Governors** - Rachel discussed about the role of Governors. Information of the roles of the Governors - Committees about what they do. Governance on the website.
- **Link back to the church** - Do we get any information from the Church about Funerals. As this would mean that the parents would be able to park better on the car park.



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