



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

"Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

### PARENT FORUM MEETING

THURSDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019

### MINUTES

#### 1. PRESENT

Mr Pope (Ben Y6 and Ellie Y4), Mrs Williams (Annabelle Y4), Miss Knight (Mya Y4), Mrs Own (Daniel Y4), Mrs Dale (Gregory EYS, Patrick Y 2), Mrs Verney (Y5), Mrs Ashman (Nathaniel Y5), Mrs Sadler ( Harry Y2), Mrs Whiting (Ethan Y3, Evie Y2 and Daisy EYS) and Mrs Meakin (Harry Y4 and Freddie Y1) , Mrs. Orbell (Chair and James AP Y5 and Lucia Orbell Y1), Miss Rosson and Mrs. Rosson

#### 2. APOLOGIES

None

#### 3. FINISHING TIME

Teachers have been asked to ensure that children are ready to leave the classrooms at 3.25 p.m. They should have their coats, bags etc. ready to walk out of their classrooms at this time.

#### 4. NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING BID

Discussion was had about where it is advertised. Members were advised that it was important that people from outside of school commented on our bid. It was suggested that we had a form to complete and this to be distributed to various organisations within the community (e.g. First Responders, Keith's Supermarket etc.) The form could then be collected/returned to the school office.

#### 5. HOMEWORK CONSULTATION

It was discussed how the Head teacher was keen to change the way Homework is set to ensure far more emphasis on CHN in REC / KS1 on Phonics, Reading, Writing, Spelling, and Maths. The Year 2 parents voiced that perhaps they could have more guidance of what is expected in their homework. They had concerns that it is not always acknowledged by class teachers that the set homework has actually been completed by

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the children. Could Y2 homework perhaps be a little more practical? Parents were concerned that sometimes there is not always a variety in the homework set, for example children had been asked to complete a PowerPoint presentation for homework several times. The KS2 parents discussed how they liked having an overview of the homework for the whole of the half term so they were able to undertake different activities when they had the time which meant they could organise their home life around it.

On the whole the Spelling homework's were praised and it was discussed how the children were making progress with their spellings. It was discussed that perhaps in the classroom they could have, on display, "a best sentence of the week" written by a child incorporating some of the spellings that they had done that week and then being rewarded.

## 6. PARKING

Discussion on naming and shaming on the Facebook wall. This was not something that the School could entertain. Further it was not best use of our teachers/staff to have them patrolling the parking around school. It was discussed how the cones outside the school on New Lane have made an impact and members asked if cones could extended to the Y2 area. Unfortunately, Parents are still driving down the roads far too quick - could this be mentioned on the Newsletter as a reminder? It was discussed about having a Drop Off point outside the school. It was also suggested about having a walking bus - however there were concerns about children walking down St. Anne's Vale. Parents discussed about making it a one way system but this could cause more congestion and residents not to be happy. A Parent has attempted to speak to the Highways Department with regard to extending the zigzags. They had been out to review the situation but apparently were not looking in the right area. It was agreed that parking continues to be a vast problem but members could not come up with a solution to this ongoing issue.

## 7. HALAL MEAT

We discussed how this was upon specific request from parent or on demand. Chartwells, the catering company who school uses confirmed that they do obtain the correct certifications when necessary. School had received no specific requests for Halal meat.

## 8. UNIFORM

Alternative suppliers had been contacted with regard to pricing. However, the difference in price was quite literally pence and the quality of the uniform was exactly the same. Parents were keen to continue to use Motif Marketing as it was a local business but wondered if Wynsors shoes would also be a supplier as they were now offering uniform. Parents were also keen to know whether or not they could have knitted jumpers - the uniform shops would be advised that knitted jumpers could now be included as part of the School uniform but the possibility of tank tops being introduced was rejected at this time.

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## 9. ACCESS TO TEACHERS

Mr. Hobson was highly praised about how he greets all the children and parents that come into the school each morning. Parents felt that when messages had been passed on to Mr. Hobson he was very good at dealing with matters as he instantly if needs be would follow any issues up further and would always report back his findings. Class Teachers were available at the end of the day to discuss any concerns parents may have or alternatively they would phone if this was easier.

## 10. CHOSEN CHARITIES

It was to be discussed with School Council which charities the school would like to donate to for the year (a choice of 3). Perhaps in the entrance of the school there could be three boxes (similar to the supermarket chosen charity boxes) and children would be able to use their house point tokens to donate to their chosen charity. It would also be discussed at school council if these would change annually or bi - annually.

## 11. READING PRIZES

Discussion was had if the PTFA would subsidise the prizes. However, it was felt that PTFA would prefer to give more significant things to the school. Maybe there could be a class reading prize to promote reading in the class.

## 12. HEALTH + SAFETY

None

## 13. SAFEGUARDING

None

## 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Parents asked when the school was due OFSTED. Members felt that since the appointment of Mr. Hobson the school had definitely moved on for the better and were happy to speak to Ofsted when they visited to confirm their findings. They want OFSTED to see how much progress that has been made since the last inspection.

## 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed

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