

Parents' Forum

St Patrick's R.C. Primary School

Date of meeting: 31st January 2019

Venue: St. Patrick's R.C. Primary School, Meeting room

Attendance

Name	Child/ren in Year
Mrs Clinton	Executive Headteacher (EHT)
Miss Rabbitt	Deputy Headteacher (DHT)
Miss Kakar	Y3 & Y5
Mrs Foy	Y4
Mrs Guest	Y1 & Y4
Mrs Tindall*	Y2

*Apologies – had to leave before the start of the meeting.

Opening prayer – the group prayed together

2 | Welcome & introductions

Mrs Clinton thanked parents/carers for attending. Everyone introduced themselves and said which classes their children are in.

3 | Terms of Reference

Mrs Clinton reminded parents of the 'terms of reference' document. We agreed that we do not mention any individuals by name. This includes, names of pupils, staff or parents. Mrs Clinton informed the group that notes of the meeting would be shared with attendees so that we agree they are a true reflection of the discussions. The notes would then be uploaded to the school website for other parents to read. The group agreed to this.

4 | General feedback

We went through the notes of the last meeting (6.12.18) and agreed that these were a true representation of the discussions which took place.

5 | Matters arising from the last meeting

Mrs Clinton asked for some feedback about the end of day arrangements. Parents explained that parking has improved but that it is the same parents still not parking safely. Parents acknowledged that school are doing all that we can to support with parking. A parent asked about the possibility of zig zags along New Allen Street. Miss Rabbitt explained that we have met with Cllr. Hitchen but unfortunately all the council were able to offer us was to re-paint the double yellow lines, which has been done.

6 | Safeguarding policy for parents and children

Mrs Clinton shared an updated version of the safeguarding policy for parents and children. There is a lengthier policy on the website. School has just undergone a safeguarding health check and the recommendations were to provide parents with a shortened and more simplified version of just 2 sides. Parents found the policy to be comprehensive and parent friendly. Mrs Clinton explained that the JLT (Junior Leadership Team) had worked with a member of the safeguarding team to draw up a children's policy with language that all of our children could understand. Copies of this policy will go up around

school – cloakrooms and toilets so that children know what to do to keep themselves safe. Another recommendation is that we give helpful contact information in book bags so that children can access this when at home. Parents welcomed these ideas and thought the policy was clear and straight away for children.

7 | Behaviour Policy

Mrs Clinton asked parents for feedback on the policy which was sent home recently. She highlighted certain things:

Children are rewarded house points for using/following our Gospel Values.

'Wonderful Wednesday' – the winning house will be having an extra play time with time in the forest school with marshmallows and hot chocolate

Class Dojo – this app allows parents to receive positive communication from teachers about how well the children are doing in class. Some parents are yet to know about this. Mrs Clinton reported that staff are still rolling this out so it will take time.

Parents thought the behaviour policy was comprehensive and they were happy with it.

8 | AOB (any other business)

Nativity Plays

Parents really enjoyed these and thought that they were lovely. Mrs Clinton explained that staff work very hard to put these performances together. They are very time consuming, but the children love doing them and parents love them too!

Christmas crafts

Yes, parents really enjoyed these and children enjoy it too.

Musical extravaganza

Parents thought that it was a good event.

Pupil Progress Meetings

All parents found these to be very positive meetings and very informative. They all have a better understanding of how well their child is doing in school and enjoyed seeing their work.

9 | Parent elections for the governing body

Mrs Clinton reminded parents that the ballot had closed on Wednesday and the votes were counted yesterday. Parents would be informed of the result next week.

10 | AOB

Mrs Clinton explained that the next family Mass will be on the 17th March 2019 (St. Patrick's Day). Mrs Clinton asked parents to please spread the word and to bring their families.

A parent asked if it would be possible to collect all of the St. George's children all together on a Wednesday after school. We will collect the children with Night Owls and take them to EYFS.

Mrs Clinton asked parents to login to parent view at the end of the meeting to complete the parent questionnaire.

Mrs Clinton thanked the parents for attending and asked that they bring another parent to the next meeting.

Date and time of next meeting:

Thursday, 28th March @ 3.30 p.m.