



St. Ann's Church of England Primary School

PARENT FORUM – Mtg 3 (22.6.23)

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Transition
3. Meet the Teacher
4. School Calendar
5. Mental Health and Wellbeing
6. Sleep Charity
7. Thank you
8. AOB

Present:

LR, EP, HF (EYP), LM (6M)

Apologies:

KE (4H), KB (1T), CK (EYR), EH (6A), KH (5O), JC (1A), NS (3H), LH (2B & 6A)

MINUTES

Welcome & Introductions

Transition

- Transition days for all pupils (inc those going to RHS) to take place on 3 & 4 July.
- Children will be taught by new teacher in new classrooms.
- Opportunity for children to follow timetable of new class, become familiar with routines and expectations.
- Purpose of transition is to reduce worry about the unknown over the summer holidays.
- Parents/carers will drop off and pick up children from new classroom.
- Activities will include: PE, 'getting to know you' PSHE session, write a letter to new teacher introducing yourself, revisit of 3 school rules, introduction to next half term's Christian Value, creating a Need to Talk Pebble (part of Mental Health & Wellbeing strategy).
- Parents asked for their views:
 - Happy with arrangements and activities, felt everything was covered, good idea to do PE as all children like this subject.

Meet the Teacher

- Meet the Teacher presentation to take place in September.
- Presentation will including key reminders e.g. attendance, punctuality, reading, assessment, mentoring, curriculum, uniform.
- Parents asked for their views:
 - Hold as early as possible in the new school year
 - Include trip information and key dates for diary

School Calendar

- Parents asked for 'pinch' points. Suggestions included: holding a TT Rockstars Day and booking in Friends events in advance.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

- HT now qualified Mental Health Lead
- HT & FSW attended training in Mindfulness.
- September – Mindfulness strategy being launched with staff and children
- Training shared with parents e.g. definition of mindfulness, benefits, approach (Mindful Moment), resources
- Approach will be shared with parents at Parent Insight.
- Parents asked for their views: Parents felt introducing a Mindful Moment was positive and would benefit the children and parents.

Sleep Charity

- School noticed an increase in parents bringing lack of /poor sleep to the attention of staff.
- School contacted the Sleep Charity who can provide workshops for a fee.
- Parents asked for their views: Not sure this is worth spending school budget on as may not meet the needs of all parents. To reduce costs, possibly member of school staff could be trained to disseminate to parents who require this support.

Thankyou

- Parents thanked for their member at Parent Forum. Looking forward to analysing and sharing the impact.
- Process of recruitment of next year's members discussed.

AOB

- **Summer uniform for boys:** Parents have asked for school uniform to include polo shirts to wear with shorts. Boys do not have an alternative to shirt and tie because this would be an additional uniform item for parents/ carers to purchase (not appropriate in current financial climate). In good weather, children are allowed to take off their tie and jumper. Children are more cool in shirts rather than polo shirts due to material.
- **Mentoring Conversation Survey Results (f2f or online):** Results and outcome to be shared with parents shortly.
- **Year 6 Pre-SATS Morning:** Children did not enjoy revising during the pre-SATs breakfast. Children were under the impression it was time to enjoy with their friends. School to reflect on communication to children and parents about the pre-SATs breakfast to ensure it is clear that it is a balance of time with friends as well as revision. Attendance is not compulsory, parental choice.