

Parent Forum Minutes - 23 Apr 18

Apologies - Phillipa Lewis, Lesley Kemp, Chris Walsh

Present - Dave Herrity, Clare Boland, Jen Coughlan, Jan Kirby, Michelle Wilson, Heidi Smith, Pat Speed, Fiona Keefe and Sally Gillbanks.

- Year 2 moving to Year 3 - Information meeting held for parents/carers 19th April 18.
- Positive feedback received, once issues and procedures were clarified at meeting.
- Year 3 will be classes of 34/35 with a Teacher/Teaching Assistant per class. Funded 1-1 support staff will remain as they are. Class size, yard space and toilet provisions are ok. As it stands this model will go forward to Year 4 and Year 5. If budgets allow, we will look at Year 6 to have 4 classes. It will be reviewed annually.
- Classes being mixed for academic year 2018/2019 Year 2-3 and Year 4-5. These are always carried out with the criteria of gender, ability and friendships. (Any other extenuating family circumstances). Transfer morning will take place near the end of Summer Term as usual; children will bring home a slip containing a photo/name of new teacher.
- Lunch boxes - these can be stored in the cloakroom cupboards or some classes have large storage boxes in class.
- Parents Evening Appointment System - worked well, will continue to use online system.
- Payments for lunches/trips - We have now secured a scheme (after much research from School Bursar). This will be up and running soon. It will benefit both our parents/carers and school staff.
- Playground Markings - School Council have agreed with Therma Play what our school would like. They will go over existing markings and complete new ones (top secret), hopefully over half term. (Weather permitting). PTA have kindly put forward a budget of 10K. Outside wooden tables will be replaced in due course with recycled plastic ones.
- Nearly New Uniform - We will liaise with PTA to take forward, maybe on a Parents Evening or School Fair.
- School Trips - Will only be taken forward if it is curriculum relevant. All trips are carefully costed to obtain the best deal. At times we will bring workshops into school if content is more age appropriate and cheaper. (E.g. Titanic Topic). Forum member asked about Colomendy. Schools here in Liverpool are given subsidised trips. On trip letters schools have to write 'voluntary contribution' for payments. We have not had to cancel any trips through lack of payment as yet. We rely on the honesty of our parents/carers to pay on time.
- Swimming Lessons - These are provided in Merchant Taylor's School. Their teaching provision and secure premises are an excellent resource for our pupils. They have one term of lessons in Year 3.
- Class 2B will receive a letter confirming Miss Pickford will remain until July 2018. Mrs Speed apologised for the oversight of informing parents.
- Thanks given to Mrs Kemp, she has stood down as Year 2 Rep.
- Bikeability - Will take place in June for all Year 5 classes. 2 days per class over a 2 week period. Bikes are stored in bike sheds or locked to railings. Some old bikes will be removed by Steve.

Next Meeting Date: Monday 18th June 2018