

Parent Forum 15<sup>th</sup> October 18

Present – Heidi Smith, Michelle Wilson, Helen Tamburro, Clare Boland, Pat Speed, Sally Gillbanks, Samantha Currie, Lee Gray and Carolyn Solkin.

Apologies – Phillipa Lewis, Michelle Mageer, Dave Herrity, Chris Walsh, Fiona Keefe and Kari Kvamme.

All Year Representatives are happy to move up to the next year or share year groups with existing year groups.

Parent Application <https://parentapps.co.uk/>

Is currently being used by several local schools (including Ursuline, Pat Speed will talk to Mark McQueen the Head Teacher there) and children's centres. The school will investigate this further. This app was discussed as a PTA tool too, for receiving payments, advertising events and selling tickets.

Telford Trip Year 5 – It was suggested that more communication be sent. Eg safe arrival and updates throughout trip. If this could be done via Parentmail or text as some of our families do not have social media accounts. We will endeavour to do this but the school have had poor internet connections in Telford in the past.

Nursery Places – Historically we have had 30 places at the beginning of the week and 30 places at the end. As we did not fill all end of the week places this year for end of week nursery, we offered them to beginning of the week. We appreciate that this was a unfair system and next year we are proposing to do 20 children at either part of the week and 10 children at 30 hours. This proposal will have to be put to governors and ratified.

After School Clubs – We have 2 providers that collect from school, Kids Planet and Junior Club of Crosby. It isn't the preferred choice for some of our families as they wish to have their children remain on site with wrap around care here. This will not be a service Great Crosby Catholic Primary School can offer due to space, staffing and cost. We try to provide varied after school clubs to different year groups, dependent on providers and staff availability and class, hall and field space.

Year 2 trips – Our usual Southport trip had to be cancelled this year due to the pier being revamped. Trips must always be curriculum led and will vary year on year. Year 2 are hoping to make the Cathedral and Philharmonic Trip and another linked to their science topic.

Classes 2018/2019 in KS2– Will probably follow the model of this year.

SATS for 2019 – Year 6 will be week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May. Year 2 teachers assessments will probably be the weeks following that.

Sefton Children's University – I have been in contact with our regions representative and gone through fees and paperwork. It was felt it would not be suitable to our school at this time.

Parents/Carers taking photographs at school events – This is not permitted because some of our families are in vulnerable situations and cannot have their identities published. If school use any pictures on social media or our Website they are vetted first against our records. Safety of our children is always our main priority.

Posh Prints – Our school photographer works extremely hard with our children when capturing individual shots for the whole school and Year 6 friendship groups. It was felt in these sometimes the middle child looks like 'the star' of the picture. Feedback will be passed on.

Mission Statement – Our new boards were unveiled to Parent Forum. Feedback was very positive for new images and new message.

Foodbank – Great Crosby Catholic Primary School is now a regular collection point. I will email Heidi Smith each week to outline what is most needed. This can then be put on the information share FB page.

Good condition school uniform – we will happily accept this to be reused.

Next Date – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019