

Parent Forum Agenda 26.3.19

Present - H Crann, D Bradley, C Solkin, M Mageer, C Boland, F Keefe, S Currie, C Grogan, A Walsh, H Smith, L Heron, K Kvamme, H Clint.

Apologies – P Lewis, M Wilson

May Half term 2020 – Our holiday dates have been ratified by Governors for 2019/2020 and we have followed Sefton Schools Guidelines and gone in line with our Secondary Feeder School, Sacred Heart. Some Sefton Schools have opted for 2 weeks in May.

World Book Day – Each year Great Crosby have tried different ideas including general dressing up as a book character, dressing gowns and slippers with a favourite bedtime book, child designed T-shirts with book clues and this year a quote on the front of uniform with the book and author on the back. Parent Forum discussed all options including different year groups linking in with curriculum topics (as year 3 have done this year). Another idea was to write a collaborative book to get printed. We decided that the key was to plan the event early (some school do a whole week of activities), to enable our parents/carers to be familiar with preparations and that it should always be age appropriate. It will never be just a dress up day without a purpose. Comments to go to English Team.

NSPCC assembly – Year 4 had an assembly which included an age appropriate PowerPoint on abuse. Parents felt that topics maybe should have been cascaded home first in case any questions were raised.

Reception Toilets – Are unisex. 2 classes use one set and 2 another in the shared area. Staff support and guide the children and we follow the guidelines of EYFS to have unisex toilets as they do at home. Year 3-Year 6 split into single sex toilets.

PE – This has been cancelled on occasions due to rehearsals of Lent Service and Year 3 production. Weather permitting this will always be done outside.

SIMS Pay System – We have now secured a provider and will slowly roll this out, starting with dinner money. We will then include all financial matters.

Facebook unofficial page – The school badge will be removed on this info page to stop confusion that information and discussions have come from school.

Large skipping ropes on the yard for Reception – Welfare staff to lead this.

Reception After School Clubs – Parent Support Adviser to research providers and space available.

Swimming Classes – Merchant Taylors School have closed their pool. Crosby Baths is fully booked for this academic year. SLT to investigate Meadows in Maghull, Bootle and Formby Baths.

Maths No Problem – Is a Math scheme Year 3 have introduced. Guidance notes for parents/carers were handed out at Parents evening. Parents have requested workshops for further information.

Dinner Hall – This can be noisy and hot. Welfare staff will encourage children to take off their coats and sit on them whilst eating and lunch boxes be looked after respectfully by all the children. When the school is expanded in 2020 the new bigger hall will be soundproofed too.

Reception Nativity - Are there going to be copies to view or available? Will investigate.

Year 2 – Good feedback on how we handled the MoMo virus. Children were discussing it therefore the teachers held an age appropriate discussion.

School Trips – Year 2 were disappointed that the Southport trip was cancelled. (due to closure of the pier). Trips will always be included in the year if they are curriculum/topic led and are reasonably priced.

Nursery Children - Breakfast Club - When can names be put down and will this expand as the school does? (will discuss with Breakfast Club Manager). Can we have in and out doors to save the congestion at drop off and pick up times? This cannot be actioned as it would mean taking 2 members of staff to person the doors for safeguarding.

Class/Year Group performances – These are spread out throughout the year and throughout the year groups. Eg Advent Service, Lent Service, pantomime, Nativities. Each Class will have a Class Rejoice in the academic year.

Year 5 Football – Boys were very excited to have been selected after competitive trials and have been disappointed on the amount of matches played. Sadly due to staff sickness becoming a long term absence delays occurred, 2 members of staff picked this up but with limited year 5 teams and now the Year 5 league has now finished.

Holy Communion – Feedback from families is that they love how the Eucharist is taught in school and is done in an understanding compassionate way. They understand how lessons are now Parish led, but feel some instruction is no encouraging.

Next Date Tuesday 9th July 2019