

Parents Forum Meeting – Friday 8th June 2018

Present:- Jayne Grundy, Zoe Cahalan, Clare Griffin, Rachael Richardson, Jo Aldridge, James Churchill

Apologises: None

Clerk: Claire Porter

Matters Arising

None

Agenda

Social Media

A parent had raised an issues following a Facebook post on the school Facebook site stating where the children were going on a trip to. A closed group, aside from the normal group, had been suggested but it was agreed not to go ahead with this due the administration of the membership and parents only wanted one group. It was discussed that lots of children from various schools go on trips and therefore if someone was to target a particular trip a reminder the night before on Facebook would not be the trigger. If we removed such posts from Facebook, we would also need to remove from our bulletin, website, notice boards etc. and parents thought this would not be good. When children go on a school trip a full risk assessment is carried out and all aspects of safeguarding, including court orders involving children, are taken into consideration. Parents confirmed that they thought that the Pros far outweighed the Cons of not positing such reminders.

Walkers for School Visits

It was discussed that when parents volunteer to help walk to church that they are responsible for approx. 6 children, depending of age of children, and therefore they need to ensure that they are spread out along the line. It was discussed that parents should walk with classes other than the ones with their children in, it was agreed that this would be trialled next month when we go to church.

Move It Bags

Parents sometimes found these annoying, but not a problem. They requested less items in the bag as children sometimes though they had to complete an activity with each item. Following GDPR regulations it was agreed that photographs of children would not be taken and put in the books, but from September children could draw a picture of what they had done and the people involved.

Any Other Business

T-Shirts for RE Day and Sports Day

JG confirmed that on RE day children had been requested to wear a t shirt the colour of their house, this is to be worn with their usual school uniform, either trousers, shorts, skirt, under their pinafore or over their summer dress.

Health & Safety of children at Sports Day

Due to the large number of parents and children attending sports day at school it was discussed how parents could be stopped encroaching on the playground end and the side of the race track. The area will be cordoned off as usual but we would be really grateful if you do not come into the marked off areas. Please also do not approach your children on this day until they are released to you at lunchtime.

Health & Safety of collection of children

Despite numerous reminders on the bulletin, parents were still concerned that collecting adults were not coming inside the gate and leaving a clear pathway for parents and children to leave safely. Please can we remind parents to come right inside the gates, KS1 parents on the left and KS2 parents on the right hand side by the wall.

Nursery attending the school disco

Parents had questioned if their child could attend the school disco. It was agreed to look at this in the autumn term and perhaps arrange a separate disco with the PTFA and nursery staff.

Summer Fayre

Parents had asked for the timings of the summer fayre to be looked at again for next year. Agreed that this will be done at the PTFA AGM in September. Parents asked for more parents to be involved in the PTFA and requested as many as possible to attend the AGM.

200th Anniversary of St Michael's – 13th July

St Michael's will be celebrating 200 years of the building in Market Place. The Bishop of Lichfield has been asked to attend. Classes have chosen an era to dress up as on this day and their learning will focus on this era. A time capsule was buried 25 years ago for the 175th anniversary and this is being removed the day before and will be taken to church and opened at a service at 2pm. Previous pupils of St Michaels will be invited back from 3.30pm – 5pm to view photographs from our archives and to tour the school.