



## St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

"Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

### MINUTES OF PARENT FORUM MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Present:** Miss Rosson, Steve Martin (Governor, Yr 6 and Yr 4), Mrs Goodwin (Yr 4 and Yr 1), Mrs Poole (Yr 5), Mrs Meakin (Reception and Year 3), Mrs Owen (Yr 3), Mrs Forrester (Yr 4 and Yr 1), Mrs McGill (Yr 5), Mrs Ashman (Yr 4), Mrs Verney (Yr 4), Mrs Dale (Yr 1), Mrs Pope (Yr 3 and Yr 5), Mr Mboya (Yr 2 and Yr 5) and Dotty's Mum

**Apologies:** None

**Minutes from previous meeting:** Mr Hobson went through the previous minutes from the previous meeting. From discussion it was suggested could we put a call out for us to have a lollipop man/ woman to help to cross the road voluntary?

**Admissions into High School:** We discussed about how Admission into High School works. Mr Martin discussed what an Academy was and how it worked. This led to discussion about whether St Anne's would convert into an Academy. Mr Martin discussed how this was not a focus for the Governors at the moment. However, this would be something that may come in the future but would be something that the Parents would be consulted about.

**Links with High School:** We discussed how this was something that we wanted to increase further but Transport was an issue to get down. A conversation then occurred about undertaking some Fundraising for getting a Minibus. This led to a parent discussing about sponsoring the bus to keep the cost down (for example servicing the Minibus) . If we get a bus could this reduce the costs of school trips. Discussed about speaking to other local Primary Schools to join together to get a bus. Thoughts to the future making better links with other High Schools (Excel and Haywood) so that we are enriching Primary Experience.

**Homework Books:** We discussed how Homework was sent out and how in September all classes were having Homework Books or Homework Folders. It was felt by a majority of Parents that there was not consistency with the Homework. Parents liked the fact that they have a terms amount of homework so that they had a clear idea and was able to fit around home life. Parents were not sure when Homework due dates was and does it always have to be sent out on a Friday? As this is interrupting Family time at the weekend. If homework is being sent out why is there extra homework sent out on not normal homework days? It was voiced that Key Stage 2 had consistency - so that from Year 3 - Year 6 homework is a similar format.

**PTFA:** It was discussed how meetings for the PTFA needed to be later so that more people could attend them and that there was a crèche on offer so that parents did not have to worry about child care. We could also have it run like a cheese and wine evening to make it more of an event. Also it would be useful to know what we are raising for (new equipment, Minibus etc) Is there any way in getting the Church Hall involved in our Summer Fayre days so that we can work together to raise money. Also using the wider community to get involved get the WI to come and do a stall and more local businesses. Is there posters up in the surrounding area about our event (Keiths, Proctors, Post Office) so not just limiting the parents to come. Do we do posters for the village about PTFA events? Is there anything that could take place on the last day of term - perhaps having a BBQ on the field and fundraising? Could we walk along the church more for example having the Summer Fayre on the same day as the Carnival? Could parents be informed when the next PTFA meeting would be?

**AOB:**

Sunny Lunch times - Looking at getting picnic tables down the side; could these have parasols in them to protect them in the shade. Also look at staffing when the children are eating their lunches outside - staggering lunches more?

School trips - Do all Year Groups have the same amount of school trips and are they of the same quality?

Parent Pay - Are we any closer to using Parent Pay for different things? Also can you use Childcare vouchers to pay for trips?

Texting service - Can you only text one person or can you text more than one parent?

Newsletter is very detailed could there be a reminder note that all letters are on the website as well - as some letters do not always come home.

OFSTED - When are Ofsted coming? Did the appeal go through that Mrs Hall was doing. Mr Martin discussed how one thing was changed but how everything else was kept the same.

Next meeting will be put on the Newsletter for Autumn term.

**Health + Safety:** None

**Safeguarding:** None

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