



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

"Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

PARENT FORUM MEETING HELD ON:

21st November 2023

1. Present

Miss Rosson

Miss Murray

Mrs Tett (Zac Tett Yr 3)

Mrs Cawley (Charlie Cawley Yr 6)

Dot, Duncan, Tyler - John's Nan (Year 5)

2. Apologies

Emily Adams (Arlo Yr 2 and Esme Yr 6)

3. Discussion points:

As we have not had a parent forum for so long. We discussed about what a Parent Forum is.

Below are the ideas that we discussed:

- Fundraising - As a school we have been doing a lot of fundraising but parents wanted to know what it is for. Miss Murray discussed how this was for the lighting and microphones for the productions that will be taking place during the year. This idea was also backed by the School Council Team. The next piece of fundraising will be to raise money for fixing the KS1 bridge.
- Homework - Looking at last times parent forum homework is always up for discussion. It was discussed that parents did find that there was quite a lot of homework especially the jump from EYFS to KS1 and the expectations. The short turn around was also mentioned Thursday to Tuesday. Children from split families this can often be hard and then can be a chore for the parents to do with them on a Sunday evening. Also would it be beneficial to have literacy homework one week and maths the other? Another idea was voiced that perhaps a homework club could be put in place to take the pressure of parents. This is as sometimes the methods that they know are not the methods that are being used at school. This then led to discussion about information packs being sent home to parents about methods

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in maths, key words in literacy or perhaps parents come in to sessions for example phonics etc.

- Lunches - lunches are always mentioned at Parent Forum this was discussed that the new menus were not a hit with the children. There is a lot of trading that is going on in lunchboxes so the children are not eating their own food but trading it with someone else. Year 3 not always having time to finish their lunch.
- Dress up days - Parents are buying costumes for Viking day etc and these are only being worn. So parents are not buying the same all the time could this then put on a hiring system so parents could hire them off each other rather than buying new ones. Also when it is dress up days is this putting too much pressure on parents to buy new things can it be made clear if they do not have to dress up or they can make a donation.
- PTFA - This was discussed at length about how we could get the parents more involved in it. Miss Murray suggested that it be called "Friends of St Anne's" to get people/ parents more involved we could ask they to volunteer if they could, donations or share their ideas. If there are events on and we want parents to support could the school put a little crèche on so that the children did not have to support with them. Some ideas of what we could do to raise money is by:
 - Sleepover - not just the teachers but get the parents involved too. KS1 and EYFS leave school at a late time.
 - Quiz night - pay to enter.
 - St Anne's Got Talent
 - Car Wash
 - Toy Sale - throughout the year not just Christmas/
 - Challenge Mr Hobson - Pay for Mr Hobson to wear a Manchester City or Liverpool shirt for the day!
 - Enterprise Project for Year 6 - Where they have a set amount of money to make sometime to sell and the other children come and buy. More research into this project would need to be done.
 - Selfie 5k run - We set a run up around the village and the children enter it to find out where the selfie points are and they have to send in the photo. The best selfie's will get a prize.
 - Family Sports Day - Traditional sports day events but families up against each other.
 - Can the Christmas Fayre and Summer Fayre be taken up at different times i.e. the weekend?
 - Football competition - Children vs the teachers in a football tournament. Teams enter to play against the teacher.

Parents did offer to support the Christmas Fayre by making donations and if they need anything wrapping up for the Fayre.

6. Date of Next Meeting

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Survey monkey to take place and let the parents decide when the next meeting will take place either in the evening or morning. If in the evening could there be childcare put in place. Next meeting will take place in Spring term.

Matters arising:

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