

Minutes of Parent Forum Meeting-Thursday 12th May

Present

Rebecca Wilkinson

Ruth Culley

Andrea Bates (Senior Road Safety Officer)-Knowsley Council

15 parents

Parents were welcomed and were introduced to Andrea Bates (Senior Road Safety Officer)-Knowsley Council.

Andrea Bates talked parents through a Road Safety presentation. This covered:-

- Practical roadside training (years 1, 3 and 5)
- Education of Drivers
- Dangerous illegal parking-a photograph was shown of cars illegally parked outside St Margaret Mary's
- Guide to parking enforcement in Knowsley
- Measures taken by Knowsley:-
 - Traffic Calming
 - 20 mph zones
 - 20 mph speed limits
 - School keep clear markings
 - Double or Single Yellow Lines
 - One-way traffic / No Entry restrictions
 - Bollards
 - School Streets
- How parents can help:-
 - Children copy adults – please ensure that you are modelling safe crossing practices.
 - Hold onto their hand. It only takes a second for a child to become distracted and for a tragedy to occur.
 - Park away from school and walk the last ten minutes of your journey. The parked cars outside school make it almost impossible for passing drivers to see young children who may be about to run into the road.
 - Research has shown that children who walk the journey to school, or walk part of it, arrive at school more alert and ready for learning than those who have travelled by car.
 - Also there are obvious health benefits of walking and getting fresh air and exercise.

Parents were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

The parents in attendance were very appreciative of Andrea's input and were asked to share what they heard with all parents.

Mrs Wilkinson outlined some forthcoming activities. These include:-

- Arts Week
- Jubilee Celebration
- Football Events (football team representing Liverpool FC in Watford)
- Year 4 Times Table Check
- Opportunities to work an artist
- Coffee Morning
- Sports Days
- School Production-Wizard of Oz
- Pupil Leadership

Parents were asked to share the following with other parents:-

The school gate will be closing earlier from September and will be open from 8.30am-8.50am.

The timings of Breakfast and After School Club.

The earliest that children should arrive for Breakfast Club is 8am (pupils who arrive prior to 8am will not be supervised).

Pupils should be collected by 5.30pm (there have been occasions when parents have arrived an hour later than this which has meant that staff who have had to stay late).

Reminder about not messaging staff out of hours (there have been occasions when staff have received dojo messages past midnight and have received correspondence from parents whilst on holiday with family. As Headteacher, Mrs Wilkinson has a duty of care to protect staff's well being and asked that parents schedule messages rather than sending them out of hours.

Reminder to complete the Parent Questionnaire

Parents were thanked for their attendance. The Senior Leadership Team feel very privileged to work with parents as supportive as those at St Margaret Mary's.