

## Parent Forum Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Present

Rebecca Wilkinson

Lee Pimblett

27 Parents

### Apologies

Ruth Culley

Jo Carter (Ice Cats)

RW welcomed parents and thanked them for being so understanding in having to change the date. Apologies were received from Jo Carter (Ice Cats) who, due to unforeseen circumstances could not attend.

The following areas were discussed with parents:-

### Ice Cats

This is Health and Safety Training that the children receive to teach them how to leave a building in the event of a fire and how to act in the case of a lockdown. This training is done in a very unthreatening way. During the first half of the Autumn Term, the children received training in fire safety as it was felt, at the time, that the timing was not right to cover lock down training (given the trauma that the children had faced in the Summer). Nevertheless, lock down training is planned to take place in the near future.

### Altru Project

Year 5 pupils are currently benefiting from a drama project led by Altru Drama. The aim of the project is that the children in later life will be steered away from organised crime and will be confident to be an 'upstander' and not afraid to speak out.

### Olivia Pratt Korbelt Memorial

As a school, we are keen to remember Olivia and already we have started a flower display 'Olivia's Garden' on the back staircase of school. Other planned memorials (which we have agreed with Olivia's mum) include:-

- A rose garden at the front of school for the community to see.
- A wall design containing butterflies, rainbows, unicorns with the 'Matilda the Musical quote 'Even if you're little you can do a lot!'
- An outdoor performance area (for which we are currently receiving quotes)-Olivia's class have had a lot of input into the design of this area.
- A community event involving the local schools (the infant school, Malvern, Huyton with Roby and Roby Park)

The outdoor performance is likely to be extremely costly (between £40K and £60K). We have received a couple of donations and have approached the Local Authority and the Archdiocese for donations. We are also in the process of submitting some funding bids. The PTA are looking to run a 'Just Giving' page to raise funds. We would encourage parents to share this across their social media platforms once this is set up.

### **Challenge Partner Review**

Last week our Senior Leadership Team commissioned a review of our school together with an Ofsted inspector and three Senior Leaders from schools around the country. The review team were extremely complimentary of the school commenting upon:-

- The strong relationships that exist between staff, pupils and parents
- The children's excellent attitudes towards learning
- The quality of the curriculum

They also mentioned that the parents and pupils that they spoke to were very positive in speaking about the school.

### **Outdoor Play Area**

In the new year we will be further developing the playground by purchasing:-

- A new pagoda (to provide shade for the children)
- An assault course/trim trail -the Learning Environment Pupil Leadership Team will be consulted in relation to the equipment to be purchased.
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### **Parent Pay**

Mr Pimblett advised parents that parents could now go on Parent Pay to pay for:-

- The school pantomime
- The Year 5 residential visit

### **Theatre Café**

Every fortnight we run the 'Theatre Café' at which performers have the opportunity to perform for their peers whilst their peers eat their lunch. Performers to date have included: singers, dancers, gymnasts, musicians, poetry readings. Pupils have the 'option' to watch the performers. Those who do not wish to watch have the option to sit in the canteen. Pupils who have watched the performers have really enjoyed it.

### **Christmas Events**

**PTA Christmas Fayre-** 2<sup>nd</sup> December-The PTA will be sending a letter/poster out hopefully within the next week regarding items needed for Christmas Fayre. They have a few Game of Chance stalls which will have small toys/sweets as prizes. Any tombola style items, eg. bottles of alcohol, unused giftsets, sweet tins etc would also be greatly received and any items at all that can be raffled.

**Year 3 Nativity-** Week Beginning 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Coffee Morning-** 9<sup>th</sup> December-there will be entertainment provided for parents-this is also the day that we are allowing the children to wear their Christmas jumpers. Christmas lunch will also be served on this date.

**Stay and Pray-** Date to be finalised

**Carol Concert-**Date to be finalised

Comments/Questions raised by parents

Question	Response
Could fundraising events be set up out of school to help to fund the Outdoor Performance area eg. Charity Night in the Club	We will look into this
Suggestion for own clothes days...the colour themed own clothes days can be problematic for parents, with us going out to buy clothes in particular colours. Can this be considered going forward please? Just let the children wear own clothes with a suggestion of a colour or theme etc.	This will be taken on board
Could there be the option to have paper wrist bands given out by the teacher in the necessary colour to be offered to children.	We will look into this
If a child doesn't want to attend the residential do they still attend school as normal?	Yes-they will engage in exciting activities in school.
What type of donations are required for the PTA Raffle?	Any donations at all
Are any parents evenings/days planned	Yes-these will commence on the week beginning 5th December(After Assessment Week)-parents will shortly be receiving a letter and dates will be on the newsletter
Can childcare vouchers be used as payment for school music lessons?	Unfortunately not-childcare vouchers can only be used for extended provision eg. Breakfast and After School Club.
Will there be an opportunity to watch the children perform their Rebound routine?	There are plans for this on their last session. We also plan to let the children perform their routines in assembly.
Will there be a year 4 football team?	There is a possibility that there will be a football team for Y4 as there may be an Everton tournament for them. Mrs Wilkinson will speak to Miss Whewell and will also speak to the other Headteachers within our Collaborative group to see if we can arrange something.
Will there be anything else for Year 3 Other than Rebound Dance?	Mrs Wilkinson will speak to Miss Finnegan
Has the new Instagram been more popular than the Twitter? It's a good way of sharing information	At this stage, the account is set up but hasn't yet got off the ground. Mrs Wilkinson to speak to staff re use of Instagram as it will be a great way to share information.
Is there a date set for the Community event?	13 <sup>th</sup> June (after school event)
Will we get to see the Year 3 Nativities	Yes (unless there is an outbreak of something like COVID or Norovirus)

Parents expressed their appreciation for everything that the school is doing. Specifically mentioned were:-

- The pantomime visit
- The range of clubs this year other than football and Rebound (eg. Boxing/Dodgeball)
- The planned community event