

## Minutes of the Parent Forum Meeting-Thursdays 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Present

Rebecca Wilkinson

Lee Pimblett

19 parents

### Apologies

Ruth Culley

Parents were welcomed to the meeting and were informed that the children have settled beautifully back into school

### School Improvement Plan

The School Improvement Plan priorities were discussed with the parents:-

1. To target the priorities within the Raising Attainment Plan (in particular the provision for Early Readers)
2. To continue to embed a consistent approach to behaviour management
3. To further improve the attendance and punctuality of pupil groups
4. To further enhance our Cultural Capital Offer
5. To roll out the new Archdiocesan Religious Education Directory (RED)

### SPOTLIGHT

This year, we will be continuing with our SPOTLIGHT Offer and have introduced a Sticker Chart for pupils to collect the nine stickers that they need to achieve the SPOTLIGHT Award.

SPOTLIGHT Awards will be presented at the Awards ceremony in June/July

### Extra-Curricular Activities

This week, the children will be having an 'extra-curricular' fair at which they will find out about all the extra-curricular clubs on offer to them this year and will have the opportunity to sign up for some of them. Extra-Curricular clubs are due to commence on the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September. The available clubs will be advertised in the school newsletter.

### Musician of the Month

In an attempt to expand the children's knowledge of musicians, we will be focusing upon a different musician each month. The aim is to expose the children to a range of genres of music as well as to musicians (living and dead) from a wide range of cultures. Last year the children studied (and became experts in) Mozart and Joni Mitchell. The musicians to be studied this year include:-

Bob Marley (September's Musician)

Tchaikovsky

Abba

Beethoven

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Freddy Mercury

Kraftwerk

Home materials are available for the children. These will be sent out to parents during the course of the month

### **FLOURISH Room**

In a bid to further support some of our Year 3 pupils as they settle into life in the junior school, we have introduced the FLOURISH Room. A small group of pupils (no more than 8) will access the FLOURISH Room between 1.15pm and 2.15pm every day.

### **Workshops**

This year, parents will have a termly opportunity to attend a workshop led by their child's class teacher.

### **Autumn Term Activities**

The Autumn Term Activities were outlined. These include:-

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Photograph Day

Book Fair

St Margaret Mary's Feast Day Mass

Year 4 Harvest

Year 6 Swimming

Theatre Café

Remembrance Assembly

Anti Bullying Week

Charity Day-Time for Bed

Year 5 Swimming

St Andrew's Day

Assertive Mentoring Conversations

Year 3 Nativity

Christmas Coffee Morning

Christmas Stay and Pray

Christmas Carol Service

Talent Show

Panto Trip

End of Term Mass

### **Questions raised/Comments made by parents**

<b><u>QUESTION/COMMENT</u></b>	<b><u>RESPONSE</u></b>
What is happening about the Sensory Room ?	A temporary Sensory Room is in place. This will remain until the outcome of the Buildings Development Plan is agreed. The Archdiocese and surveyor will be in school on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September to look at the school and to advise on next steps.
Will there be a Year 3 Football Team	Yes-there is a match in the near future for Year 3. Miss Finnegan is currently running a Year 4 Football Club with a view to introducing a Year 3 club once the children have settled. The aim is for all children to represent the school at some point whether in a friendly match or in a competition. With circa 60 boys in each year group , this may take a while to get through.

The next Parent Forum Meeting is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm**

Parents were thanked for attending the meeting