

Parent Forum Meeting Wednesday 9th March 2021

Present:

Rebecca Wilkinson
Lee Pimblett
Carmel Perry
parent attendees

Mrs Wilkinson welcomed everyone to the meeting and chatted through the following areas with parents:-

School Update

- Return to school- early signs are that the children have settled well back into school. Attendance is high. School are delighted with the children's level of engagement overall throughout lockdown. Those children who have engaged shouldn't really fall behind as the children working from home received exactly the same provision as those working in school. Parents were thanked for their feedback on our Remote Learning Offer which were overwhelmingly positive. The tweak moving forward would be to give the children slightly more 'off screen' time. The school Risk Assessment is available on the school website.
- Pupils' Mental Health and Wellbeing-Mrs Perry gave an update on well being. Parents are encouraged to approach school if they are concerned about their child's mental health (or their own Mental Health). We provide in house support for the pupils but we also tap into other agencies. Information in relation to Mental Health and Wellbeing for parents is available on the Newsletter and on the Website.
- Catch Up- Lots of money has already been spent on catch up and it is through catch up funding (in addition to other government funding) that we have been able to afford to purchase so many Chrome Books. We are led to believe that further Catch Up funding is to come our way. We hope to use this to fund further technology as the impact of the Chrome Books has been excellent. The aim is for every child to have their own Chrome Book as soon as we are able to fund this. In addition to Chrome Books we have sourced additional staffing for the children:-
 - Year 6 already have four full time TAs and one part time TA who is a qualified school teacher
 - There is a full time Academic Mentor in both Years 3 and 4
 - We have sourced additional Teaching Assistant support for Year 5We will also be continuing with the Booster classes.
- Colomendy-Year 5 parents were thanked for returning their Colomendy Form. Analysis of the form demonstrates that three quarters of parents would like this trip to still go ahead. This is our hope also. Miss Finnegan is in the process

of organising a new date for the visit (we are aiming for After SATs although at this stage we are unaware as to whether the dates of the SATs will change). As soon as we have a confirmed date we should be in a position to plan the trip. Those parents still wishing for their child to attend will retain their place. Those who don't wish their child to go will receive a refund and those places will be opened up initially to pupils in the current Year 5 and then to the current Year 4 pupils.

- SEND Coffee Morning-the first of our SEND Coffee Mornings will take place next Monday (15th March). The idea of these is to provide support for parents whose children struggle in school. There will be opportunities provided for parents to meet with key personnel (eg. The Educational Psychologist, specialised SEND teachers, Parent Partnership) in relation to ways to support their child.
- Breakfast and After School Club- Breakfast and After School Club have both resumed. We are keen to improve our provision in this area and therefore are looking through our recent surveys for ways in which to do this. The children themselves will also be surveyed.
- Pupil Leadership Teams- Realistically these will start in the new Academic Year (due to being unable to mix bubbles at this time). The purpose of these is to ensure that every child has a voice in the school.
- Year 3 Transition-this will commence later this term. We will be asking Year 3 parents for their views as to what went well in relation to transition last year and what could have been improved. Hopefully towards the end of the year, we will be in a position for the children to visit the school but we are in the Government's hands in relation to this.
- Clubs- for the time being the only clubs that will be running (other than Breakfast and After School Club) will be remote clubs. School are very keen for clubs to resume as soon as we are able to.
- Performances-at present these are not permitted so will continue to take place remotely until restrictions change.
- School Photographs-these will take place during the Summer Term. We are currently researching companies to see which will offer the best provision.
- Music Lessons-we are hopeful that these will resume in the Summer Term. Mrs Heynemand returns from Maternity Leave at the end of the month and will be in a position to organise this.
- PTA Raffle- a PTA Easter Raffle will be held prior to the Easter Holiday. Details to be added to the school newsletter.

- Moving Forward-Mrs Wilkinson asked parents how frequently they would like parent Forum Meetings:-
 1. Termly
 2. Half Termly (as they currently are)
 3. Weekly but by Year Group

Mrs Wilkinson also asked parents for their views as to where they felt that our school priorities /the school budget needed to be targeted next year.

Question from Parents

When will Cross Country resume?

The track is currently being prepared but we will only be able to resume Cross Country when Government Guidance allows us to.

Will Year 6 Transition go ahead?

School will do some transition with the children. Year 6 staff have been in contact with Cardinal Heenan who are hopeful that the children will be able to attend transition in person.

Parental Comments

WHAT IS GOING WELL?	EVEN BETTER IF
Google Classroom	
The welcome that the children received on their return to school	
1-1 Induction Meetings for Year 2 with the new class teacher	

MOVING FORWARD

ACTION TO BE TAKEN	BY WHOM
School Photograph Date to be publicised	Mr Pimblett

Date of next meeting:-Wednesday 19th May 2021 (9.30am)