



Parent Forum

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 3rd October @ 3:30 pm

People Invited: Mrs. Dean, Ms Jeffrey, Miss Peeks, Mrs. Palmer, Modu Lumami, Sandra Pauza, Meriam Militi, Sajad Janjua, Helen Li, Sayeda Farjana, Tabassum Beenish Waqas, Aji Pramod, Bushra Khalid, Tehzeeb Moazzam, Jayson Moses, Ruben Murmu.

People Attended: Mrs. Dean (FD), Ms Jeffrey (SJ), Miss Peeks (IP), Mrs. Palmer (CP), Modu Lumami (ML), Sandra Pauza (SP), Meriam Militi (MM), Sayeda Farjana Tabassum (SFT).

Apologies: Sajad Janjua (SJ), Aji Pramod (AP).

Welcome and Introductions

- FD warmly welcomed parents and thanked them for attending.

Clarify purpose of meetings and agreed ground rules

- Parent representatives act as spokesperson for their child's year group/class.
- Representatives speak to other parents about their views and report back at forum meetings.
- Parent forum is not for raising individual issues.

Feedback from the last meeting

- FD highlighted that the recent parents welcome meetings (PWM) were well attended and asked how parents felt that the meetings went.
- Overall very Positive feedbacks from representative regarding the recent PWM.
- SFT felt that it was helpful to see the teaching plans for the year ahead.
- MM added that the members of staff were very welcoming.
- ML felt that the information given on the PWM allows parents to assist their child/children if they need extra help.
- FD informed representatives that PWM was also an opportunity to reaffirm school values and school ethos.

School Clubs

- FD announced that After School Club (ASC) are now in place. Also emphasised the importance of exposing children to a wide range of arts as well as the curriculum.
- FD asked if parents felt that ASC met the needs of their children.

Comments regarding after school clubs

- SFT pointed out that there is a limited choice of clubs- only one club per year and also suggested a cookery club.
- FD assured representatives that as ASC change each term to give all children an equal chance.
- MM- raised concerned about the issue with last year's grouping of ASC stating that there were 2 clubs in year 4 however some children were only invited to one of the clubs.



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- SJ explained that the selection for some clubs may have been specifically targeted at certain children hence the reason why some children may not have been invited to both clubs within that year group.
- SFT asked if a child attends a club now would that child be able to attend another club next term.
- SJ - Each child will be given an equal opportunity to attend at least one ASC throughout the year.
- ML pointed out that he had spoken to other parents who had also noticed that some children need extra support for learning. ML suggested that it would be helpful to incorporate additional curriculum support into ASC.
- FD informed representative that this happens at Year 6 in preparation for SATs. Representative were assured that children are hard working within the school day and any children that need additional curriculum support are targeted through boosters in the afternoons by teachers and TA's.
- ML asked whether these children being given extra support during the school day, would then be missing out on other activities within the classroom.
- SJ - this would not necessarily be the case as small groups are taken for short periods of time. SJ Highlighted the importance of consistent but `little and often` interventions for those needing extra help.
- MM added that parents have a responsibility to support their child's learning at home as well as supporting school.
- Action
- Review After school clubs and the number of after school clubs.

Homework Policy

- FD- Homework policy is now available online.

Reading list

- SJ directed representatives to suggested reading list on school website.
- FD pointed out that this reading list was produced by Ruth Miskin who is an expert and founder of the Read Write Inc scheme.

Date of next meeting

- Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th November at 3.30pm

AOB

- FD- Received a lot of feedback from last year's reports which were overwhelmingly positive. Parents agreed and reported no negative feedback.
- SP suggested a Forest School.
- FD explained that she is very passionate about forest schools and would also like to see St. Chrysostom's adopting this within the next 3-5 years. Highlighted that this would require restructuring of school areas. Informed representative that we do currently have therapeutic clubs such as gardening as well as trips to Conway for Year 6 children.
- FD showed representatives the willow sculptures that the children had recently made with one of our visitors -Willow artist Sarah Gallagher.
- Michael Rosen will be our next visitor on 19th October.
- SFT mentioned Champion writer awards that were used in 2015 and 2016.



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- SJ- in terms of Champion Writers, writing awards are now given in assembly's for children's efforts not necessarily the best piece of writing.
- Actions
- Review awards in assemblies- ensure writing awards are given.

Meeting ended at 4.20pm