

PARENTS' FORUM MEETING: MINUTES

Friday 6th June: 9:30am in the School Hall

Attending: 16 Parents (Apologies: Naomi Casserly and Amy Cervantes Y5; Clare Cassidy and Maitri Arya Y1)

WELCOME

Julie Nelson Rhodes welcomed all parents and apologised for not organising a meeting last half term.

FEEDBACK TO THE SCHOOL

*Parents would like to thank the school for allowing the after-school dance sessions held in the school hall. Parents are aware that this is something that was not possible in the past and are very happy that the school have made adjustments to accommodate this.

MRS SCOTT WELCOMED THE POSITIVE FEEDBACK

*Parents would also like to thank the school for giving children such diverse options for after-school clubs. One parent said there were lots of options for Key Stage 2 classes but less choice for Key Stage 1. MRS SCOTT SAID BECAUSE THERE WERE MORE CHILDREN IN KEY STAGE 2 THEY HAD TO OFFER MORE OPTIONS THAN FOR KEY STAGE 1.

* Parents would like to thank the school for holding the International Week evening event - we appreciate all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes.

FEEDBACK TO THE PF FROM THE SCHOOL

Father Bruce

A big thank you to all parents who gave towards the collection for Father Bruce's cross, enough money was raised to not only buy the cross but also to present him with £200 worth of vouchers. It has been noted that some parents were not keen on the idea that the cross would be held by children whilst they travelled to and from Cathedral services. However, parents can be assured that this will not be the case. The cross will be displayed at the school as a commemoration of Father Bruce's great work within the school and the surrounding community and could be used at the school's discretion for appropriate Cathedral services, for assemblies and to support the RE curriculum.

MRS SCOTT EXPRESSED HER THANKS TO THE PARENT FORUM FOR ARRANGING THE COLLECTION

Summer Fete

Mrs Scott has agreed that the Summer Fete can take place on Thursday 3rd July. It will have an Elvis /Vegas/1950s theme and take place in the infant and nursery playground including, weather permitting, the grass area. Each class is to have a stall, run by parent reps and their helpers. Balance of fundraising and free stuff to be inclusive.

Action:

- * Class reps to get back to Julie with their idea for their stall by Tuesday 10th June
- * Julie to speak to school regarding storage for the items for the stalls
- * Julie to oversee fete with support from all reps - meeting tbc

MRS SCOTT OFFERED FOUR LITTLE MERMAID TICKETS AS A PRIZE IN THE RAFFLE. AGREED SOME OF THE SCHOOL STAGE COULD BE USED FOR THE FASHION SHOW/RAFFLE PRIZE DRAW ETC. AND PARKING SPACES COULD BE USED FOR PARENTS/CARERS NEEDING TO TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT ETC. SHE WAS HAPPY FOR A FIRE ENGINE TO BE ON SITE. GARAGE SPACE WOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR STORAGE. SHE WAS ALSO IN FAVOUR OF THE FETE BEING INCLUSIVE AND PROVIDING SOME FREE ACTIVITIES. THE FETE WILL NEED TO CLOSE AT 5PM (AND CAN START AT 3PM)

Parent Governor Elections

Class reps to remind parents to vote in the Parent Governor election (deadline Tuesday 10th June) and highlight that votes were to be counted per parent and not per household.

COMMUNITY

On the Ball

Ruth Ashby asked if any parents could help out with the administration of the after-school sports in the Marlborough Playground. Someone is needed to take the register and offer general support to make sure things run smoothly.

ParentGym

Feedback from those who have attended so far say it is very worthwhile. Julie said Jo, the Family Liaison Officer, is possibly likely to set up another group of sessions if other parents are interested in attending.

MRS SCOTT WAS PLEASED PARENTGYM WAS PROVING USEFUL FOR THOSE ATTENDING.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER MEETING

A meeting is being organised in a local location at 7pm on Thursday 19th June for Year 5 parents/carers. Ex parent Miriam Poulton, an expert in secondary school transfer, will give a talk along with Year 6 parents and past pupils. Venue TBC. Please can year 5 reps share with class.

FUNDRAISING

Local business sponsorship for the PGL trip

Amy Cervantes requested if any parents who have links with key businesses to ask if their CSR policies would fit with sponsoring, in part or equipment, for the next PGL trip for Year 6.

MRS SCOTT ALSO SAID SHE WOULD ARRANGE SOME PART PAYMENTS FOR PARENTS CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEXT YEAR 6 PGL TRIP.

Sponsored Walk

The planned Sponsored Walk for the Spring/Summer Term didn't take place as we had no lead to run the event (although many were willing to help). Ian Sutherland said he would be interested in holding an initial meeting with other fathers/male carers with a view to organising a second Sponsored Walk in the Autumn term. Julie to email him list of those who volunteered. Meeting to be set up asap.

AOB

MRS SCOTT PUT OUT A CALL FOR ANY UNWANTED PE KIT TO ACT AS SPARES FOR KS1 AND 2.

Date of next meeting

TBC: end of summer term