

Parent/Carer Forum Agenda

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| Date 24th January 2020 | Time 9am |
| Chair Rebecca Crist | Location K S 1 Hall |

Items to be discussed

1. Welcome – Apologies to be noted

We welcome our Ethos and Worship Team, as soon as they have completed their role in Celebration.

2. SIAMS (RE) Inspection – We are due to have a SIAMS inspection, we are unsure of the exact date and are looking forward to sharing with the inspectors all that we do in school. We have been thinking about how to communicate our school ethos and the Religious Education that the children are learning in school. How would we prefer to receive the information and how do we feel about knowing the RE taught in school? We did begin a discussion in our last meeting but didn't really find an answer.

In our last meeting, the Ethos and Worship team told us about the work they do in school and their upcoming visit to St Hilda's C of E High School. We are interested to know about their day which they spent there and to discover what they learned and if they have found things to share with our whole school community of SMA. They will be with us presently.

Our school vision and values have been the discussion of many different groups within the school and we have all, pupils, staff and governors have had chance to feed our ideas into the discussions. As a Forum we are asked to add any thoughts to these discussions. The banners are in most spaces around school. We will see them on our way to the Prayer Cabin.

School Eucharist- there are plans in discussion for a school Eucharist which will be celebrated by Father Peter. There is to be an exploration of the Eucharist with the children.

Staff Confirmation- Father Peter is leading Confirmation group in school for those staff members who are wishing to be confirmed. It is also an opportunity for all staff to explore their faith.

3. Workshops for Parents/Carers- We are looking to hold an EAL information course beginning after half term. We are responding to the enquiries for support from new parents/carers who have joined us in the last twelve months, as we successfully held this course last year. If anyone would like further information or course details, please ask for a flyer via the School Office.

4. SMA Nursery- Our school Nursery based in Tuebrook Children's Centre, is currently a morning only Nursery class and we are looking to open an afternoon session as in previous years. If anyone is looking for a Nursery place for their three/ four year old, please contact the School Office.

6. Year 6 SATs Boosters- These will begin after Easter on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for an hour. We are aware of how many of our Year 6 pupils are worried about the SATs tests which are held in May. We trialled these support booster sessions last year and found that the children really gained so much confidence from working with the same teacher in pairs, or threes. We worked through past papers and discussed their anxieties and any worries they may have had about the test papers. The children really enjoyed the time to work with a different teacher.

7. Additional teachers- Since September we have had an additional teacher in Year 2 to support the needs of the children. As a response to the needs in the Reception classes, a third teacher has been working with the Reception pupils and will be in place till July.

8. Report to Governors- Each year a Report to Governors is sent to their meeting to keep the Governing body of the school up to date with our meetings. The Report was written and sent in November.

9. Any other business

Parents' Evening this term is Wednesday 12th February. Letters will follow with times for parents/carers to request.

Drop in meeting – next one will be 7th February at 9am. Coffee/tea and something to eat will be offered. Further dates will be 6th March and 27th March.

Dates for diaries- Next Forum meeting will be Friday 20th March