

## Parent/Carer Forum Minutes

<b>Date</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2018	<b>Time</b> 9am
<b>Chair</b> Rebecca Crist	
<b>Apologies:</b> Mrs Marquis, Ms Hendricks, Mr Walker	

<u>Items discussed</u>
<p><b>1. Welcome</b> - Welcome to a new academic year! Apologies noted.</p>
<p><b>2. STAR Sessions</b> – We discussed the ongoing importance of reading and how it is to be a particular focus in school this year. The STAR (Stay and Read) sessions will raise awareness of this focus and enable parents/carers to spend some quality time with their child reading together in school. As discussed in the letter which was sent home, if parents/carers are unable to be at the session, their child will still have a story session with an adult. We hope these sessions will be ongoing and know that those which have already taken place, have been enjoyable and very positive.</p>
<p><b>3. Macmillan Coffee Morning</b> – Our annual fundraiser for the charity will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September and will also offer support for parents/carers on the process for online application to primary and secondary schools, as well as a cup of coffee/tea and a slice of cake! Some Forum members have kindly offered to help out. If anyone else is available, please pass your name into the Office. Thanks!</p>
<p><b>4. Family Fun Day</b> - This was on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We are grateful to all Forum members for their help, support and hard work on the day children. We are looking forward to next summer and have plans already for how to improve some stalls and activities.</p>
<p><b>5. SMA Home-School Agreement</b> – We looked over copies of the agreement in July and discussed that these ideas have been included in the document to be discussed at Governors' meeting. This will be sent out as soon as it is prepared to all pupils and families.</p>
<p><b>Any Other Business</b> –</p> <p>We discussed the possibility of alternating our meetings between Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings. It was felt that there would be significant drawbacks to holding a meeting after school, as there would not be any provision for childcare and some existing members would not be available to attend after school due to work commitments. It is a matter which we felt could be addressed again should resolution to these problems be forthcoming.</p> <p>A suggestion by one of our members is a Bonus Ball style game as a way of raising money for school. The Bonus Ball sheet was discussed and unfortunately at the present time we can not run this.</p> <p>The Friday Litter Pick was discussed and dates are requested to enable more members to participate in the Litter Pick. One of our members has heard of an initiative with Merseyside Police involving Litter Picks. This will be followed up.</p> <p>Pupil Christmas fair was discussed and members offered to help put together a Christmas hamper as happened last year. The possibility of selling raffle tickets at the Fair was discussed.</p> <p>A discussion of the possibility of an assembly to help pupils understand the concept of asylum seekers was raised. This will be followed up with a contact in the Red Cross who already comes to school to work with our Year 6 pupils in the summer term.</p> <p>We discussed the number and variety of opportunities available to our pupils in the form of after school and lunch time clubs. Members were surprised at the number and variety of clubs available.</p> <p>The school diary was briefly looked at for this term and the different events taking place was commented upon, from a theatre production coming to school in October, to first aid workshops for Years 5 and 6.</p> <p>Our Report to Governors was discussed and members agreed the contents of the Report to be submitted.</p> <p>We hope to have the Behaviour Learning Walk during our next meeting.</p>
<p><b>Date for diaries:</b> Next meeting will be Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.</p>