

## Parent/Carer Forum Minutes

<b>Date</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	<b>Time</b> 9am
<b>Chair</b> Rebecca Crist	
<b>Apologies:</b> Lesley Hendricks, Amanda Lee	

<u>Items discussed</u>
<b>1. Welcome</b> – Apologies noted.
<p><b>2. Family Fun Day Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>            We discussed the recent letter sent out regarding the FFD. It was discussed that three members of the Forum have agreed to help with the face painting stall. We discussed the positioning of the stall and the times it will be open, so that volunteers will have the opportunity to explore the different areas too with their families.</p>
<p><b>3. SIAMS (RE) Inspection</b> – The inspection was discussed and some of the paperwork shared, as well as the relevance and importance of the inspection. A visit by SMA's Ethos and Worship Team was discussed and it was agreed that a visit to our Autumn meeting, would be valuable, so as to learn and understand the role they play in SMA. We agreed if the SIAMS team wished to speak to the Forum, we would be agreeable to discussion with the inspectors and support the inspection.</p>
<p><b>4. Attendance Initiatives</b> – As a forum, we were asked to think of any initiatives to improve attendance and punctuality. A new initiative which Mrs Hughes is considering is a "mobile disco", this was discussed and although it was warmly received, other suggestions were made too. The individual prize such as the raffle tickets, or bronze, silver and gold stars were discussed, as these, it was felt recognised individual effort, rather than a whole class. If a class only has a prize when everyone is in, this it was felt, causes feelings of negativity towards the child, or children, who are often absent, therefore causing the class to miss out. This is particularly the situation in KS2 classes, where it is noted by the children which pupils are often absent and comments to that child are made by some pupils who feel they are missing out on a prize, because of the child. If the class receives the prize regardless, then the children don't value the prize or make the effort, as they know they will get it anyway! It was felt individual recognition for attendance is positive, eg, in Celebration assembly. Punctuality was also discussed as it was noted that this should be a key fact too and should be celebrated.            Discussion of sickness was mentioned as it was noticed that some children are returning to school having been suffering with vomiting and diarrhoea, before the 48 hours were over. This then causes sickness to spread through the class. It was felt this rule should be adhered to by all.            It was also discussed that there should be "Improvers' incentives" for those pupils who had improved their attendance over the terms.</p>
<p><b>5. Trailblazer Project- Mental Health and Well-Being</b> – We discussed the new project which SMA has become part of, to highlight the issues within our school community. We discussed the trained Mental Health First Aiders who can support our school community and that they will be recognisable from the posters and green lanyards. We recognised that one of our Forum members will be attending a workshop day to find out more information and feedback to us in the Autumn term. We also discussed the other support for Mental Health and Well-Being which is going on in school ie Seedlings sessions and the new Trailblazer sessions with Year 5 pupils.</p>
<p><b>6. Daily Mile</b> – We discussed the invitation for parents/carers to join their child in the Daily Mile on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July. A number of the members are looking forward to joining their child</p>

and will check times with the class teacher.

**7. Thanks!**- We recognised the service of some of our longstanding members who have been part of the Forum for a long time and as their children are in Year 6, they will be leaving in the next few weeks. We say goodbye and grateful thanks to Mrs Copley and Ms Sutton for all their help and support! We wish them and all the Year 6 pupils and their parents/ carers, good luck in their new schools!

**Any Other Business –**

**Litter Pick Up-** we will try to fit in a session before the end of term, but recognise that Fridays are booked with the Family Fun Day and the last day of term. We will endeavour to arrange another day in the next fortnight.

**Water bottles** – A discussion of the importance of having access to water for pupils was discussed and it was wondered if SMA could have their own bottle to sell from the Office?

**New members** – The need to recruit new members was discussed and a suggestion was made of asking the class teachers to think of two parents/carers from each class. The teachers could ask these parents/carers, to consider joining the Forum.

Alternatively, if anyone would like to be a member, then please see Rebecca Crist for further information.

**Wishing everyone a happy Summer holiday and some enjoyable family time!**

**Date for diaries:** Next meeting will be in the new academic year with a date to follow.