

Minutes of the Parent Forum Meeting-Tuesday 29th April 2025

Present

Rebecca Wilkinson

Lee Pimblett

Sophie Ahearne

10 Parents

Apologies

Ruth Culley

Parents were welcomed to the meeting and were introduced to Sophie Ahearne from the Knowsley Healthy Schools' Team who gave an overview of the work she is currently doing with school.

Healthy Schools' Award

- School is working with Knowsley Public Health Team towards the Healthy School standard.
- We are currently working towards the achievement of the bronze award.
- The award looks at healthy food/healthy lifestyles/active travel/oral health
- The school meal menu has been tweaked to make it more nutritious; more fruit options are available for desserts
- Drink choices are now water and milk only.
- The new Swap station is proving to be very popular with the children
- We are due to get a deli bar within the next few weeks
- We are currently looking to host a Coffee Morning in the very near future and there will be representatives from Public Health (Sophie Ahearne), the school nurse and oral health

Update re the Building Work

- We are delighted to now have 8 brand new classrooms on the upper floor of the building
- Year 4 have moved into their classrooms and Y5 will move in before the Whit Holiday
- Once Year 5 have moved out of their current classrooms, the rooms will be painted ready for Year 6 moving in (September 2025)
- A decision re the future of the Year 6 block needs to be made by the Archdiocese
- We are awaiting approval from the Archdiocese for the final phase of the building work. This will involve the creation of three intervention rooms and a sensory room at the hall end of the building .

Staffing Update

- For the next twelve months, Miss Sheryl Wrigley (Headteacher of St Aloysious Catholic Primary School) will be Executive Head of St Margaret Mary's spending part of her time at St Margaret Mary' and part of her time at St Aloysious.
- The Governing Body will be meeting this week to agree the school leadership structure
- Appointments to the structure will be made (hopefully by the Whit Half Term Holiday) after which parents will be informed
- RW will invite Miss Wrigley to a future Parent Forum Meeting.

Attendance

- Just before the Easter Holiday, the school was audited in relation to attendance and achieved the Inclusive Attendance Bronze Kitemark
- Lots of strengths were identified including:-

- Child Centred, supportive and collaborative 'Team Around the Child' approach.
- The rigour with which attendance is monitored
- Our data in relation to Persistent Absence which compares very favourably both locally and against the national
- The website
- We are now working towards achieving the Silver Kitemark and the auditor has given us lots of useful guidance as to how we can achieve this
- One of the ways in which we can further enhance our provision will be to provide more clarity in relation to the role in attendance of: school/the children/the parents/external agencies (all of whom have a role to play within our 3 tiered system of support)
- In terms of parents the role is:
 - To ensure that their child attends school regularly and on time.
 - To communicate with school in relation to absence.
 - To communicate to school staff any concerns in relation to their child (eg. barriers to attendance)
 - To work closely with school staff to address any concerns(barriers)in relation to their child.
 - To recognise the achievements of their child.
- At Tier 2 we would also ask that parents engage pro-actively with any support offered to their child
 -(to prevent the need for more formal intervention further down the line)
- At Tier 3 we would ask that parents engage pro-actively with other agencies (our aim is that a child's attendance does not get to Tier 3)
- Holidays in term time are never authorised as they lead to too many missed lessons (a week missed equates to around 25 missed lessons)

Behaviour

- With lots of exciting activities coming up in the near future, we are keen for every child to participate
- A letter has gone out to parents to ask for support in ensuring that their child is aware of the likely consequences should their child's behaviour not meet our expectations (ie they will lose privileges)
- We ask that parents speak to their child about not mimicking the unsatisfactory behaviour of others as this will lead to loss of privileges.
- We ask that, in cases where there is an issue in relation to behaviour, parents work 'with' school rather than 'against'
- Sanctions will be put in place for retaliation as well as for the instigation of an incident. We realise that some parents tell their children to 'hit back'. However, this is not the policy in school and will result in a consequence.
- Where a child runs out of class and refuses to return (in spite of requests from staff), we will call parents into school to regulate their child. We simply do not have the staffing capacity to release staff out of classrooms to locate children without compromising the education/safety of other pupils (this was discussed at our last Parent Forum)
- Physical assaults will result in an internal exclusion or a suspension.
- Where privileges are lost, they will need to be earned back via a Target Card. Depending upon when the privilege is lost, there may not be the time for the privilege to be earned back

Pink Day

- Pink Day (in memory of Olivia Pratt Korbel) will take place on Friday 13th June (Olivia's birthday)
- The children will be invited to wear a splash of pink on the day
- We will arrange a walk around the neighbourhood and will invite Olivia's mum along

- We plan to hold some fun 'Summer Fair' type activities in the afternoon
- We would love some help from parents in relation to the Summer Fair (either on the day or in the planning of the event)

Forthcoming Events

Forthcoming events include:-

- Culture Coffee Morning
- Year 4 Holy Communion
- Aladdin
- Sports Days
- SMMJ University Celebration
- Gulliver's World Trip
- Year 6 Production
- Awards Celebration
- Transition
- Meet the Teacher
- Year 6 Leavers' Events

Questions raised/Comments made by parents

<u>QUESTION/COMMENT</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>
Adaptations for pupils with SEND are not always adhered to	Where there is a concern in relation to adaptations, we would ask that parents contact their child's class teacher in the first instance and then Mrs Medway.

The next Parent Forum Meeting is scheduled to take place on **17th June at 6pm**

Parents were thanked for attending the meeting