

## Parent Forum 08.02.18

**Present:** Mrs Wilde, Mrs. Dube (y1), Mrs Carr (Foundation) Mrs. Acheson (y5), Mrs Dymott (y2) Mrs Mole (y3) Mrs Trew (y4) Mr Mole (Governor)

Apologies: Ms Shenton (y6)

### Items from class reps:

- 1. Foundation – Is it possible to have the theme for World Book Day to give advance warning for costume organisation?**

Mrs Wilde – Juniors are attending the theatre the day before and won't be dressing up but just following up from their visit. The infant theme is "Fairytale" this will be shared in today's newsletter. Non-mufti day no need to pay.

- 2. Yr. 1 – No Comments**
- 3. Yr. 2 – Additional Night Owl timings – is it possible to charge less for a shorter use of night owls such as until 4pm.**

Mrs Wilde - This isn't logistically possible as it's hard to keep a track of payments and use. School still needs to pay for staff cover.

- 4. Yr. 3 – Access to water. Mrs Price has decided it's a struggle for children to carry all water bottles outside each break when they can use water fountain. This has led to some children having to get up and down for drinks during class causing distractions and toilet problems.**

Mrs Wilde – Specific drink times are now appearing on timetables before they go outside. The children can also take their bottle if they wish. Water is provided with hot dinners however not with packed lunches, so children need to bring these in or bring bottle from class.

- 5. Yr. 4 – no comments**
- 6. Yr. 5 – Sickness rules and communication. Some confusion as to what constitutes sickness and deserves absence from school. Parents feel encourage to send in children to maintain attendance record but concerns about spreading germs.**

Mrs Wilde – Its fine for children with physical problems (broken arms etc.) to be sent into school and miss PE but they can't accept children that are well enough for school but too ill to do PE. They either attend fully or don't. Please trust parental instincts as what sickness is acceptable at school.

- 7. Yr. 5– Holiday club update?**

Mrs Wilde – we will update parents with any updates but currently no replacement for Learn and Master who no longer exist. To be updated.

- 8. Yr. 5 – Why no Twitter on Faith Tour?**

Mrs Wilde – Only Mrs Price and Mrs Wilde have access to Twitter and neither were on the trip. Other teachers don't have access as there is a no phone policy in school. Unfortunately, it's become parent expectation rather than an added extra that updates appear. If there are problems on a trip

or the coach is delayed they will always contact the school who will contact parents. Assume all is fine if there is no news.

**9. Yr. 5 – Communication of Faith Tour requirements – some parents purchased incorrect head scarfs for tour as didn't understand specific requirements.**

Mrs Wilde – a clear letter was sent out stated what was required for both boys and girls, it was important that the headscarves were respectful and not overly elaborate. This trip will hopefully continue as it was a positive experience for all.

**10. Yr. 5 – Shouldn't parents always be informed when children go off site – e.g. Choir trip to Brill and Albert Hall?**

Mrs Wilde – Legally we can longer send one blanket consent form at the start of each year. We must do for individual occasions. An email link to School Gateway was sent out for both occasions asking for permission and Mrs Price was calling round parents last minute asking for permission. The children will continue do short village walks, church visits and visits between sites without permission. The issue of is permission required to attend the other site being required was raised and this is to be taken back to the School Governors.

**11. Yr. 5 – Academic Comparison Graph – should this be shared in detail with parents?**

Mrs Wilde – New Pira and Puma tests have been used by school, however we are not confident enough with the results as yet to fully trust them. We need to use it more to be able to fully trust the data. It's the aim going forward. It must reflect real results and not be inflated or too harsh. It needs to be shared however that the children are graded "expected, emerging or exceeding" in line with the nation expectations. As a guideline a child need to be "exceeding" in ALL areas to be candidates for Grammar School.

**12. Yr. 6 – No Comments**

**13. F4CADS – a "School Funday" happening on 15<sup>th</sup> June. Can class parents be involved in helping out the children on stalls (Hook the duck etc.) The more parents and involved the better. Stalls will be allocated per year group.**

**Items from School – Uniform Supplier**

Tesco no longer supplying. Do we need another supplier to replace them? Is everyone happy with Print Lab? Mrs Dymott is going to gather comments and requirements from parents and investigate other suppliers.

**14. End of Day collection, bus issues**

During November Mrs Hastings received 26 phone calls (that's before VERY regular emails) from parents wanting to change pick up procedures for that day. i.e. Child taking or not taking the bus. School does not have the resources to be following up on these messages daily. There isn't anyone on the Junior site Monday and Friday to pass such messages on. These messages aren't getting through to teachers. If a child is meant to be on the bus but you want to collect instead just be at the school in time to get them. This issue is getting out of control and needs to be reduced.

**Next Meeting – 2:15pm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Infant Site**