

Parent Partnership Meeting Notes

Wednesday 21st October 2020

1) The Role of Class Rep:

Miss Kelly talked about the role of the class rep - this is to promote parent involvement and work in a supportive partnership with the staff in St Catherine's. Tasks include helping parents to feel part of the school community, supporting and encouraging them to be involved in school life, liaising with the class teacher to clarify class needs and actively support the schools procedures and policies whilst ensuring that the general views of parents from their class are represented.

2) Parent Consultations:

This year teachers have been given a day to do their consultations. This is to help spread meetings out as they will be via Zoom. You have been asked to book your slot through the School Interviews website. If you are unable to attend your Zoom meeting please let the school know and your consultation will be re-scheduled and take place via telephone call.

3) Parent Questionnaires:

Usually parents are given a questionnaire to complete when they come into school for their Parent Consultation. However as this is not possible this year, questionnaires will be sent out via Survey Monkey after your consultation. Please take the time to complete the form as it helps give the school a balanced opinion from all parents.

4) School Dinners:

Miss Kelly said that the school were aware that the new arrangements for school dinners were going to be difficult but they did not anticipate the problems that have arisen with portion sizes. Staff first alerted Miss Kelly to the problem and Miss Kelly was in touch with the catering company and had the manager visit the school on several occasions to resolve the issue. Portion sizes have now increased and a substantial dessert is also being provided for the children. The school are monitoring the situation closely on a daily basis. They are also monitoring the choices given to children each day to make sure there is enough variety.

5) Uniform:

After half-term all children should wear winter uniform, no shorts or summer dresses. Girls can wear navy trousers or skirts and boys should be in grey trousers.

6) Year 5 and 6 Gate

Miss Kelly has said that unfortunately they are having to make changes to drop off and pick up times at this gate. This was due to some Year 6 children who are independent travellers coming to school earlier and earlier and being unsupervised outside the gates. Year 5 will now start at 9am and finish at 3.15pm, Year 6 will start at 8.45am and finish at 3pm.

7) Purple Mash

Each child still has access to Purple Mash, children who have started the school in Reception this year will be receiving their log in details in book bags today. If your child is isolating at home they are able to do home-learning set for them via Purple Mash. The school are hoping to upload work to do with their current Black History Month topics shortly.

8) PTA Quiz

The PTA are hosting a quiz via Zoom this Friday 23rd October at 8:30pm. All are welcome, please come along and support the school.

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- A rep asked about parents who had a long wait time between collecting children in different year groups. Miss Kelly said they have looked at it in everyway but there is no other safe way to work the timings.
- Reps are to introduce themselves to their class teachers via email.

The next Parent Partnership Meeting will be held Wed 25th November 2020.