

## **Parent Partnership Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 9:30am**

In Attendance

Staff: Miss Kelly, Mrs Whatley, Mrs Evans

Class reps: Leanne O'Connor 4B, Fiona Winters 2F, Eve Fox 5CM, Serena Horgan 5C, Sharon Cooney 6Sy, Ailish Burke 2W, Fiona Winters 2F, Rhian Moore 1Y, Lynne Holtum 1F

### **1. Welcome and Parent Rep Handbook**

- Miss Kelly ran through the handbook, detailing what is involved in being a rep. One rep only per class.
- Positive communication with the school staff, constructive ideas and relaying general views from class parents.

### **2. Class Photos**

- Normally the class photos are done by now, but the usual photographer is unwell so the school are looking at other companies. Class photos will take place next half term.

### **3. Parent Consultations**

- Parent consultations last year worked well on zoom, so this will continue for this term.
- 6 to 10 members of staff are absent everyday due to covid related illness. The school feels it is sensible to keep the consultations on zoom to prevent illness and to try to keep absence numbers down.

### **4. Residential Trips**

- Unfortunately, some year groups missed out on residential trips due to covid. It is impossible to make this time up – the school can't run 3 residential trips in one school year.
- We are very happy that year 4 and year 6 have planned residential trips this school year.

### **5. Class Day Trips and Activities**

- The school will be trying to organise as many trips and activities as possible for each year group. It has been a tough time for the children and the school want to look after the children's wellbeing and for them to simply have fun!
- The cost of activities and coach prices have gone up – the schools aim is for the children to experience as much as possible, as cost effectively as possible.

-Diwali workshop and the friendship workshop are taking place soon.

-A pantomime will be coming to the school at Christmas time.

## **6. Arts Hub**

-The Arts Hub should be finished mid-November. There will be an official opening with Fr John and hopefully the Cardinal. TBA.

-It will be used for dance, PE, music lessons, therapy rooms, PTA, Governing Body and parent rep meetings.

## **7. Year Group Masses**

-Parents are invited to their child's year group mass which will take place in the hall. Dates were given on the newsletter.

## **8. Dogs In The Playground**

-Miss Kelly was unaware of a blanket ban of dogs in the playground pre covid.

-Therapy dogs are a very common theme in primary schools and have proven to help with children's wellbeing. Lots of families acquired dogs last year and we realise they become an important part of the family who bring lots of love and happiness.

-Dogs are allowed in the playground, providing they are carried or kept on a short lead. If you do have your dog in the playground, please keep them away from other dogs so they don't get too excitable.

-If a child has an extreme fear of dogs the school are happy to address this with them and help them overcome their fear.

## **9. Questions/Issues**

- Serena advised that year 5 haven't had any trips yet and could any plans for trips be communicated to the year 5 parents. Mrs Evans advised that there are plans for year 5 trips and this will be communicated to the parents soon. Reps are encouraged to send an email to their class teacher via the office email address introducing them and letting the teacher know to contact them if they need help with any communication to parents. Miss Kelly will let the teachers know in briefing this Friday to expect the email and to respond. If the reps have any questions or concerns please let Miss Kelly, Mrs Whatley or Ms Evans know. They are on the playground in the morning and after school and are happy to talk.

Next meeting Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9:30am