

## Parent Body meeting

4<sup>th</sup> July 2:00 pm, Small Hall

Attendees: Sally Fuller, Victoria Campbell, Nicola Mcleish-Governor, Wendy Skinner – Headteacher, Clare Fullagar – Deputy, David Ware – Deputy/SENCO, Rachel West – Bursary, Christina Whitehead – PA

Apologies: Rachael Cant, Wendy Rosewell, Dena Blake, Stacey Tilsley, Michelle Humphries, Katherine Greenwood, Carole Frances, Justine Bruce, Ryan Charman, Sally Arthrell, Mary Brezeanu, Heidi Smith

### Agenda Items

Agenda item	School Feedback
1	<b>Welcome</b>
2	<p><b>Online Safety Ambassadors (Presenting to the parent forum)</b></p> <p>A group of year 5 children (Emily, Lois, Lydia, Jude and Sebastian) that have been nominated and hand-picked to represent the school as ambassadors for on-line safety presented to the parent body. They explained their role and how they had spent the day training at St Francis school and are now fully fledged, accredited champions for online safety.</p> <p>They have been meeting regularly to discuss how they are going to launch this in September for the rest of the school. They have been doing it since February.</p> <p>KS1 – will focus on fun and games, whilst ensuring the children know how to be safe online. KS2 – will be focusing on gaming safety, which apps are safe to download and how to truly distinguish and judge online friends. How to block people who are not friends and most importantly not to meet with people from the online community. They will also show how to use the CEOP button to report online abuse to the police.</p> <p>Information to parents will be going out via parentmails, newsletters and there will be an online safety area on the school website. A worry box specifically for online worries will be set up in the ICT suite, so that if children are afraid to ask something of their teacher or peers they can put their worry in the box for the online ambassadors to look at and address and/or escalate if there is a big worry that would need to be investigated by the appropriate adult/s at school.</p>
3	<p><b>Road Safety Education</b></p> <p>Resources have been downloaded from the KCC with regard to road safety which have been incorporated into classes PSHE lessons. Road safety is already covered in year 1 and moving forward will look to be covered in PSHE for all year groups.</p> <p>Reminders will be sent out via the Headteacher newsletters about using appropriate crossings in the area and for parents to role model to their children where best to cross and will be particularly helpful when the children start walking to school on their own.</p> <p>The school will also contact the two secondary schools about behaviour in Buckland Road.</p>
4	<p><b>Adventure Playground</b></p> <p>Lots of work has been done towards this in terms of gaining quotes and they range from £3000 to £70,000. A working party has been set up to discuss this and to really look at what the school needs and wants in terms of play equipment. Work would realistically have to be completed in phases, as the school and PTA do not have the funds to do this in one hit. To give you an idea, just to take away the flooring would cost £6000. A stable in the area has expressed an interest in removing this for us and making use of the rubber chippings. This would obviously be the preferred choice as it will be free of charge.</p> <p>Exercise equipment was brought up and had been discussed in a previous meeting. However on investigation the repetitive movements that these exercises demand is not beneficial to children in primary school as their bones are still growing. It would also mean that not many children would be able to use the equipment at any one time. The playground enables 60 children to participate/play.</p> <p>New markings in the playground will be done over the summer ready for September. This</p>

		<p>will include a short tennis court and netball court.</p> <p>The PTA have offered to help raise funds for the adventure playground area.</p>
5	<b>Budgeting for School Trips</b>	<p>There was a very poor response back from parents with regard to paying for all trips in one lump sum at the beginning of the academic year. One parent said they would like to do this. All other responses were that they wanted to know at the beginning of the year what the planned trips were and approximate costs, so that this would enable them to budget accordingly. A list of trips for every year group will be put on the website in September.</p>
6	<b>Daily Mile</b>	<p>This was trialled in sports week and proved very popular with the children. It is something the school would like to pursue, however concerns have been raised about when the best time to incorporate into the school day. It is proven that mornings are best to get the children ready for learning. However it would mean clearing the premises of parents so that the children are able to do this and the school is reluctant to lose communication with parents. Leaving the mile run to later would start to eat into valuable curriculum time.</p> <p>A suggestion raised was to ring a bell at 8.45am and clear the playground so the children could start running then. Any late comers would join in as they arrived and do what they could until 9am. Children could come to school in their trainers and do that first thing. This is being considered as a trial for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September and then review how this is going at half term.</p>
7	<b>Any other Business</b>	<p>This was the final meeting of this academic year for the parent body. Thank you to all the parents that have attended the meetings this year and put forward suggestions from the wider community.</p> <p>New representatives will be elected in September, details will be sent out then for nominations, with a view to having the first meeting in October</p>