



Going for Gold with God

Parent Forum Minutes – Tuesday 20th April 2021

Attendees: A.Kirk(**AK**), C.Bould(**CB**), J.Eccles(**JE**), Z.Routledge(**ZR**),
H.Milner(**HM**), J.Donner(**JD**)

AK welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for attending.

1. Return to school and Covid impacts –

AK started the discussion by asking the group for feedback on the current procedures that are in place for drop off and pick up at school start and end times. The group all agreed that the measures that are in place all seem to be working just fine, with no issues reported from those attending the meeting.

AK concluded that the children have and are being absolutely fantastic, they are very aware of the need to remain in their class bubbles and huge praise should be passed onto the children at this time. **AK** also added that thanks should be noted for the parents of all children, as the guidelines for drop off and pick up are being followed impeccably in both KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. The group all agreed with **AK** that thanks and appreciation should be passed to all staff members also for the excellent way that the processes and procedures have been introduced and followed throughout. All in the group felt that their child/ren are safe at school with the procedures being used.

2. School uniform –

AK spoke about the current school uniform and explained the distribution of the uniform questionnaires – a number have been returned, with the final return date of 26th April. After this date the responses and feedback will be analysed, then with further communication and discussion of the results. Initial responses seemed to be varied, some liking the grey (from a traditional point of view), whilst others indicated that they would like to see some 'other' colour introduced to the uniform.

HM also thought that a change in the colour of the cardigan/jumper may be an option.

CB expressed a wish for a 'colour injection' to the uniform, maybe with the possibility of changing the cardigan/jumper. The group as a whole did seem to be quite enthusiastic about a colour change perhaps for the jumper/cardigan, **JD** mentioned that a selection of children had been asked for their views on alternative colours for the jumper/cardigans. We all look forward to the developments from the results of the questionnaires and further discussions going forward – watch this space!

3. Road safety

The group had a discussion about road safety around the school and surrounding area. We discussed the latest initiative to be released to encourage children and parents to walk, cycle, scooter to school in return for a chance to earn rewards and win prizes for both school and home.

AK discussed new safety signs that have been purchased by the school to try and improve the safety of the children (and parents) around the school. The signs have been designed and chosen by the School Council with the sole aim of improving the safety of everyone whilst walking in and out of the school grounds. The group was asked for feedback about the signs and general consensus was that they were very good, eye catching and hopefully people will take note of them. **CB** expressed that feedback that had been received at the school gate had been positive and traffic did seem to have eased by the side of the school, with cars not pulling up on the yellow lines, pavements or the zig zag restrictions on the road.

AK said that the local PCSO's are aware of the issues, however, they have to prioritise their work and unfortunately, they can only spend time with traffic issues around the school, when their other work allows. It was suggested that maybe we could write to the council to see if there was anything that they could do to ease the congestion, **ZB** explained that she would be able to mention this to some of her contacts going forward. The discussion ended positively, as the school have initiated a number of improvements and suggestions for parents to participate in.

4. Fundraising/Friends

AK thanked everyone for the Easter eggs that were provided by Friends, these went down a treat! The Easter Bonnet/Hat and decorate an egg activities went down well with the whole school. It was lovely to see so many decorated bonnets and eggs through pictures and videos on FB and the school website. Although we didn't have the 'usual' parade, the children still took part in Easter activities including a treasure hunt for EYFS and

KS1. Thanks also to Janet, the community champion at Morrison's, who donated an egg for each child and more recently have provided sunflower seeds for the children to plant in school.

JD asked if we could perhaps have an 'own clothes day' close to the end of term, to try and raise funds for the children. We have unfortunately not been able to do any of our 'normal' fundraising for over 12 months but have still been able to support the school with funding for a few activities. **JD** also suggested having a raffle in the Summer term, similar to last years. It was discussed and agreed that we could run this as two raffles, one for EYFS/KS1 and one for KS2. **AK** to discuss available dates for the 'own clothes day' with **JD**. Discussions progressed to perhaps making the day a 'Friends Day' with the possibility of Mrs. Cash making biscuits to sell for the children. It was also suggested that **AK** could ask Janet at Morrison's to see if she could help with any small donations for the raffles – thankyou

5. AOB

AK is hopeful that we will be able to have some sort of leavers party for Y6 this year – may look different to previous years, watch this space! Also, as countrywide restrictions ease, it is hopeful that the new Reception class intake for September 2021, will be able to visit the school and have some interaction before they start their school journey.

AK thanked everyone for attending the meeting – meeting closed