

# St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

We come to school to live and learn happily together by loving ourselves and each other as Jesus teaches us.

Together Everybody Achieves More.

# PARENT FORUM Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 @2:00pm

#### 1. Attendance: -

- Mrs Napier Headteacher
- Mrs Urso- Year 1
- Mrs Alfieri Year 2
- Mrs Nicastro Year 4
- Mrs Fitch Year 5
- Mrs Excell-Year 6

Absent, with apologies: Mrs Rubino - Head Rep; Abbie Brown - Nursery; Stacey Gillett - Year 3; Carmelina Ferraro - Reception

# 2. Welcome, Prayer and thank you to all - Mrs Napier Our father (Year of Prayer)

## 3. Matters arising from previous minutes:

· Viewing work - This has taken place.

Book sharing - well attended in Reception, other classes Parents did not seem to be too bothered. Some Parents said they will look at the end of the year. Some Parents said it was not long enough to look at books when going home at 3.10pm

• Use of microphone at events - it was suggested that Mrs Napier use a microphone at events so that she can be heard better. The school do not have a microphone but if a company/parent was willing to donate one then the school would be most grateful and Mrs Napier would be happy to use it. Any updates? **None**. Still being followed up by Parent Forum Rep!

# 4 | Sharing of School information

## ·School Dinners

Sharing the new menu starting after half term. Feedback from Aspens given (please see separate feedback.) Cold option will be back for summer term. When does the cold option come in? This is available from after half term, it is not included on the paper version but is available via Select.

## ·World Book Day

Letter has been distributed, this world book day will have focus around diversity/ in line with our Cultural Heritage programme.

## Year of Prayer

Working with the Chaplaincy Team around this. Lots in the newsletter regarding this and homework coming.

## Cultural Heritage Week

There will be lots planned for this e.g. dancing, food, Cultural dress etc. Committee formed of teachers we would like 3 parents to join to help plan this. 1 from reception and 1 other already volunteered. Need 1 more.

#### •Intra Sports

We are doing this internally and the children are really enjoying it. More to come for the rest of the year.

## •Workshops and talks Mental Health + Anxiety

Uptake of previously arranged workshops & talks have not been great. Please can we find out if there is anything in particular that parents would like us to look into? What topics are they interested in?

#### 5. Parent Information:

#### •Parking and speeding- Police officer, newsletter.

We had both negative and positive feedback from the police officer being present. The police liaison office came in and was present outside during the morning drop off. Mini police officer course for one year group available and a cultural diversity police officer will be coming to visit our school as well.

## 6. Any other Business:

#### •Sunday 3rd March- Marie Curie National Day of Reflection

Marie Curie led the first ever National Day of Reflection in 2021 and has been bringing together hundreds of supporting organisations and millions of people across the UK each year ever since. It's a special moment to acknowledge our grief, take time and space to reflect and remember, and to support one another. Here's a short film that sums up the day

We're asking schools to get involved in any way that suits their community at any time in March, leading up to or after the day. Whether that's planning an assembly or session on grief or planting in memory of people who have died in the past year. We've also created a <u>schools' pack</u> which gives lots more ideas and support information.

I do hope St Augustine's Catholic Primary School Community will join us for the Week of Reflection.

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9aau3drp-4

Open up the library early or late so people can go and reflect.

#### · Toilets

It's hard to monitor which child/children are making such a mess in the toilets. The caretaker goes and checks that there is toilet paper and paper towels available throughout the day. Every class also keeps a set of toilet rolls in case of an emergency. The toilets get cleaned every day by the cleaners. Parent Forum Reps agreed that parents need to speak to their children about how to use the toilet and have offered to speak to parents.

#### Online Safety

SAPTA have agreed to pay for an Online Safety workshop by Marilyn Hawes which will provide the following: Y3 and Y4 will receive a lighter touch workshop, then Y5 and Y6 classes separately. The workshop session for parents will be online and secondary school children have permission to join their parents. There will also be a staff workshop run by Marilyn after school.

· Celebrations, deaths, births, serious illnesses.

Reminder to let Mrs. Napier know so that she can send a card to families

## 7. Celebration:

- ·What works well at St. Augustine's?
- Reception The workshops, learning updates, getting time to see child's work.
- Year 1 They really like the new teacher and parents have seen her in action with the workshop.
- Year 2 School disco great idea, communication is better, teacher is amazing and very quick at getting back to parents.
- Year 4 The children are looking forward to the disco.
- Year 5 Intra sports really good. Everyone agreed.

## Next meetings:

## Spring 2024

22nd March 2024 @2pm

## Summer 2024

17th May 2024 @1.30pm (due to Rosary Week)

5th July 2024 @2.00pm (Thank you Tea)