

Parents Forum  
Lent 1: 09.02.2022

Attendees: Mrs Chambers, Miss Humphreys, Mrs Valiente, Chair of Governors and six school parents from various school year groups.

### **Update on transport outside school**

Mrs Chambers reviewed what the school has already implemented to help improve school drop off and collection of children. This included;

- The one way system, suggested by parents forum.
- The ordering of additional bike stands to help encourage families to walk to school.
- A request has gone in via local councillors to enforce the one way system for all road users
- A sustainable travel plan in place.
- A conversation and follow up email with our local MP.
- Local councillors and PCSOs visited the school at end of a school day. It was a quieter evening than usual but they were able to see examples of traffic risks and antisocial behaviour from local residents.
- Joanna Burrows has been in touch suggesting to attend local council meeting.
- Mrs Chambers has suggested that local PCSOs post letters to residents asking for understanding.
- A meeting to discuss issues with PCSO and local councillor is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> February.

The group discussed scenarios of families being spoken to in an abusive manner and are supportive of the school's efforts.

Action: Mrs Chambers will update the group on the meeting

### **A new bike rack for the school:**

Mrs Valiente presented diagrams for three potential locations for a new bike rack. The group agreed on new location behind the green gates by the kitchen.

### **Synod questions**

Mrs Chambers updated the group on the responses that year 6 gave to the Synod questions. The responses have been sent into the parish. The themes were:

Year 6 felt that there is nothing for their age group in the parish community

Some people feel they are not made to feel welcome

Mass is not engaging for the older children and liturgy aimed at younger children.

Comparison to the community at the Baptist Church

Following these responses, work has begun between the school and parish council on the following:

- Family Mass once a month to involve the children more
- Consideration of the older primary children to go on. A specific Alpha course is to be integrated into Y6 teaching.

Thoughts from the Parents Forum group taken, including:

- A Non-Catholic parent goes with Catholic family but does not feel welcome
- Positive response to mass in school
- Suggestion of a youth club associated with the parish.

### **Heritage evening**

English Martyrs Day is on the 4<sup>th</sup> May. Mrs Chambers suggested Heritage evening after school.

Families from various heritages set up stalls. Food, craft activities and a quiz are some of the ideas so far.

Group agreed that it was a good idea.

### **Thrive to Change**

Mrs Chambers has been asked to take part in a project looking at transition between pre-school into school. The aim of the project is to standardise the information received in from pre-school childcare.

A parent complimented the school on the home visit offered by the school Childminder perspective given. The suggestion of transferring Tapestry over was made. The group shared effective methods of transitioning and Mrs Chambers and Miss Humphreys noted these. For example; About Me scrapbook that the child completes for new teachers to get to know them, photos or videos showing the classroom being prepared for the children etc.

### **AOB**

- A number of parents are keen that we as a school make the most of the Rutland dinosaur and mosaic.

The school looking at incorporating into it topics and have spoken to Rutland Water.

- A parent thanked the school for the sports opportunities that have returned following the pandemic.
- Request for Y5 to have a residential in some form this year.

Action: Mrs Chambers to look into this

- Question about school trips this year. FEM can support this trips at any time.
- Difficulty in getting engagement for FEM
- FEM behind the discoveries in Rutland
- Hopes from parents that FEM activities can resume.