

## Parent Forum minutes

Meeting held Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 10am

- Family Worker : Mrs Carrie Sawyer introduced herself to the Forum and stated her responsibilities and hours that she will be working. She will continue working in Class 5P in the morning as a Teaching Assistant and then in the afternoons, she will be St George's Family Worker (1pm to 4pm). Within her afternoons she will continue to conduct her ELSA sessions (Emotional Support sessions), work with our families and the SENCO. Below is a video link to introduce Mrs Sawyer  
<https://stgeorgescebromley.school/team/family-worker>
- Working party Aspire2Inspire : the first meeting was held on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May. The focus of the meeting is to work in partnership with the parents on the curriculum offer for our St George's pupils. To work together to give our pupils the best possible experience through enrichment of the curriculum. Members from the AAC, Friends and Parent Forum attended and we discussed access to cooperate sponsorship to fund particular projects, parental involvement, drawing upon our parental expertise to enhance the curriculum, the importance of an inclusive curriculum and that all cultures and faiths etc of our St George's community are evident in the learning.
- Car parking - AB has investigated with the council the possibility of stationing 'plastic figures' but the council wouldn't support this action as it conflicts with the Highway Act. However, Sarah Pateman, Bromley's Travel Plan Adviser, is willing to work with school re banners / park and stride schemes /etc. A group of parents will be contacting Sarah Pateman to discuss actions moving forward. Sarah Pateman also advised parents to register their concerns for incorrect parking on the following website :  
[https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/471/parking\\_enforcement/586/reporting\\_incorrect\\_parking](https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/471/parking_enforcement/586/reporting_incorrect_parking) Law enforcement officers and Traffic Wardens are in regular attendance around the school and the school is working very closely with Bromley borough too. Parent Forum suggested a sponsored walk or a park on my drive scheme.
- Aquinas Trust perceptions - perceptions regarding St George's finances were raised regarding Aquinas. EP explained that as St George's is part of the Aquinas Trust, a small percentage of the government funding that the school receives is paid to the Trust to pay for central services eg Payroll, Human Resources, GDPR, etc in order to ensure that the school is compliant. The school does not have to pay the Trust for anything else all monies raised via the parents, the school etc is kept within the school budget and is used for the benefit of the children.
- Curriculum overviews - the teachers have made them more detailed this time - when we have our next meeting, EP asked the Parent Forum representatives to give feedback or whether there is another information or how we can improve them.
- Floral festival - reminder that the school is taking part in this Bromley Floral festival competition and the children were asked to design a planting scheme to celebrate our school community. Design date extended to Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June. Prizes will be given by

the judges for: most creative, best use of colour, best horticultural display, best use of theme and there will be a further People's Choice prize for the public's favourite.

- Friends' email : regarding support and help for the Summer Fair. LK and VR will be stepping down from being the Chairs of the Friends so will be looking for people to volunteer to take over. An email will be circulated and information included in the newsletter.
- Parent Questionnaire - reminder that the deadline is tomorrow. So far around 70-80 have replied. Really important for all people's opinions to be included so that the school can continue to reflect and improve.

#### AOB

- EP confirmed School Bank will continue in September
- EP confirmed swimming will continue with Bickley Park school once Covid guidelines allow
- Class photographs are available to order from Van Cols on line - deadline 4 June.
- EE will advise when next Prayer Meeting to be held
- New joiners Sept 21 will be sent Summer Fair / Friends' details to advise current 'sibling' parents that there will be a What's App group set up by one of the new parents to help to 'get to know one another' before they join and to knowledge share from sibling parents.

NEXT MEETING: 1 July at 10am