

## **Parent Forum meeting – Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Minutes of meeting

### **Agenda**

#### **Back to school**

Thank you for all your support with the children's learning during lockdown. Due to that it was a very smooth transition back to school. The children settled down really quickly in to the routine of the day, focus and the behaviour for learning has been excellent.

#### **Bereavement packs**

CS shared with Parent Forum the bereavement packs that the school have created for families. The packs consist of ideas, websites, phone numbers and people to contact in school and externally, if you wish any support. Please let teachers, or the admin team know if you wish a pack.

#### **AAC/PF/Friends working party - inspiration/aspirations for our children**

AAC meeting was conducted last week, it was discussed that there should be more cohesiveness between the AAC, Parent Forum and the Friends as our joint aim is to provide a very enriching curriculum for our children. So a working party was proposed; 2 members from each group to focus on the curriculum. This year and moving forward the focus is on ensuring a diverse, inclusive and aspirational curriculum. We want to draw upon the expertise of our parents to support the teaching of the curriculum – especially during our enrichment weeks such as STEM week, Cultural week etc and in previous years we had Careers week. So by having the working party we can highlight the topics being covered and then gain support from our parents. Ideas of support - Reception parents at present time, are reading to the children in their mother tongue so German, Russian, French, Hindi, etc which is both engaging and educational for the children.

If you would like to part of the working party – please let CG know. We will have our first meeting at the end of April.

**Friends** – LK asked for ideas regarding stalls and events for the Summer Fair and there was a discussion about where to host the Summer fair, whether on school grounds or the field. There will be a Friends' meeting at the end of April to discuss the event. Parent Forum to ask their class groups for ideas that can be shared at this meeting.

**Parents' Prayer group** – some of our parents will be running another parent prayer group meeting on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> April for about 40 minutes. Everyone is welcome to join with their cup of coffee and just time for a chat. Flyer will be sent out this week advertising the event.

**Parental engagement** – we reported that the school is continually raising its profile through social media and marketing activities and therefore asked for parents to feedback to the school any suggestions they may have where we could improve parental engagement and if anyone has any expertise in social media to get in contact with AB. Invited feedback from PF on how we can continue to engage and reach out to both our internal and external community. Afternote: we have written to Nursery/Pre Schools who agreed to send our 'introductory letter' to their stakeholders whereby we encouraged them to follow St George's on social media.

**Additional Family support** – Ms Georghiades reminded the parents that she is offering drop in sessions for parents, virtually and face to face, if any family/parent is in need of support or needs sign posting to support in the community. VR stated that Bromley Y sessions/webinars have been both valuable and supportive and worth attending.

**Father Richard** – the parents have very kindly bought gifts for Father Richard and will be presenting them to him on his last day at St George's which is Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Representatives from the Parent Forum will present the gift to him.

#### **AOB**

**Polling day**, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2021: the borough still requires for the school to be a polling station so the school will be closed to all children, however, the teachers will be providing remote online learning on that day; there will be 3 sessions; Literacy, Maths and Foundation subject

**School dinners** – if parents have any queries or concerns regarding school dinners, please email Nourish direct: [siobhan@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk](mailto:siobhan@nourishcontractcatering.co.uk). Siobhan will always respond.

**Field** – the school will be utilising the field throughout the summer months for PE lessons and PE clubs. EP to discuss with PE team, cohesion of strategies.

**Lost property** - the school will put all lost property outside the main entrance, first thing in the morning and at the end of the day, for this week, so that parents can have a look for any missing items.

**Parking**: Last half day of term 1 April – please be aware that 12-2pm parking restrictions remain, however, we have been in contact with LBB and await to hear if these can be lifted.

**Team building** - suggestion from RI for the Parent Forum to have a team building session together so that they can get to know each other better. RI to propose dates/ideas.

**Volunteer readers**: DA asked PF to ask if any parents were able to give up any time to do 1.1 reading for their classes. She also asked if anyone would like to run a book club at lunch for ½ hour to 40 minutes. Please contact DA via the office.