



# St. James' Church of England Primary Academy

## MINUTES OF THE PARENT FORUM

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 on 2:45 p.m. at St James' Church of England Primary Academy

Present: **Parents and Carers**

21 attended

**Staff**

Miss Cordingley (FC) - Acting Head of School

### Topics Discussed:

- Build update
- Up and coming events
- Other points raised

### Discussion:

- FC thanked everyone for their understanding of opening a day later after the summer holiday. We then discussed the fitting of the cladding which will be during the half term holiday.
- The SJPA spoke about joining them and/or supporting them during events. Support is needed if the activities are to remain successful. They are holding an AGM in the Chapel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.00 pm, all are welcome to attend. They will also have a table at Parents' Evening (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October) where you can find out more about what they do for the pupils of St. James' and how you can support them.
- *Reading:* We discussed reading at St. James' and the reward systems in place. Books received after 30 reads is costly and parents came up with the idea of moving it to 50 reads as it was such a special reward. One class has a small reward after 10 reads, this idea is to be shared throughout the school – every class will choose their reward i.e. sticker, certificate etc.
- *Behaviour Policy:* We reflected on the changes in the Behaviour Policy. FC explained the Dojos that classes are using. Dojos will also go towards the house points as well as being added as a class for their end of term treat – it was agreed that the pupils found this fun and focused them on good behaviour and making the right choices. However, parents did not want the postcards home to continue – it was deemed as a waste of money and not needed.
- *Shared Learning:* Parents were unsure about how shared learning will now look. It was decided that we would start a shared learning session when parents are able to come in and work with their child. As we are still getting up and running with the building we will book this in for Term 2. Reading on a Friday afternoon was also discussed and will take place one Friday afternoon a term.
- We will be joining in to raise some money for Children in Need on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – the children will be invited to come to school in their own clothes/dressed in spots, in exchange for a donation of £1.00.
- The new St. James' Competition Crew Club was discussed - this is a weekly club of between 20 and 25 children and, if they are successful in securing a place, will need to attend for the whole year. This club is run by the Greenacre Sports Partnership.

### New Actions from June Forum:

<b>Action</b>	<b>Actioned by</b>	<b>Complete</b>
1. Book received on 50 reads Every 10 reads a small reward	FC Class teachers	
2. Dojos to continue in classes along with the termly reward To stop postcards home	Class Teachers All Staff	

<b>Action</b>		<b>Actioned by</b>	<b>Complete</b>
3.	Black, white and grey socks can be worn by boys or girls as part of the school uniform	All	
4.	A walk around the new school – children can bring their parents in and show them around at the end of the day on the Monday 8th October – we look forward to seeing you	All	
4.	Shared Learning will take place during Term 2 - more information will follow	FC and Class Teachers	
5.	The first Read Together will be held on Friday 16th November from 2.30 pm to 3.00 pm.	All	
6.	We will take part in Children in Need on Friday 16th November.	All	

**Next meeting Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 2:30 pm where Principles will be giving out food tasters and explaining their menus.**