**Parent Forum Meeting 8th July 2021**

Our Parent Forum Meeting took place on 8th July. Miss Harrington, Mrs Nairn and Mrs Halligan all attended along with five parent representatives. Minutes from the meeting are recorded below.

**Item 1**

**LPPA News**

We were very happy to announce that after our assessment on 1st July the school has been granted the Leading Parent Partnership Award. Thank you to all of our community for supporting us with this project and we look forward to continuing to build on the work we have done so far.

**Item 2**

**Transition Procedures**

The pandemic has unfortunately resulted in changes to our plans for the normal transition activities. However, the Nursery and Reception Meetings are going ahead as is the Stay and Play for our new Reception children, covid permitting.

Children moving up year groups through school will be invited to spend some time with their new teachers outdoors, hopefully during the last full week of term.

Year 6 have a day trip to Lakeside arranged and a few treats in store for the last couple of days. We are also hoping to put together a film/dvd of photos from their year together to celebrate their time here at St Paul’s.

All new classes for 2021 – 2022 now have an information page on the school webpage, under the Key Information tab. Parents and children are advised to look at the relevant class webpages over the Summer to help their children get to know their new environment, teaching staff, classroom and a little about the learning in the their next year group.

**Item 3**

**What will school look like in September?**

From September, if all goes to plan, school should look more as it used to. Children will return to starting and finishing school at the normal times and children should be able to have their lunch in the school hall as before.

**Item 4**

**Future arrangements for Parent Forum/SEND meetings**

We discussed how we hope to alternate between Parent Forums and SEND meetings next year. Parent Forum meetings will be planned to cover specific areas of school life and the SEND meetings will give opportunities for parents and carers of children with SEND to share experiences, gain support, advice and information about aspects of SEND education.

**Item 5**

**LPPA Next Steps**

Next year, Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 will trial a new programme, which supports parents to help their children with learning at home. This is called, ‘Learning with Parents’. This exciting project will enable teachers to send parents links to the ‘Learning with Parents’ webpages to access current learning in literacy and maths. The website provides child led teaching videos, home learning activities and ideas for resources easily found in the home. Parents can upload photographs of their children engaged in home learning and teachers can track children’s progress and engagement. We hope this will be very successful and parents will feel more supported to help their children, whilst also learning along with them. If successful, the school will consider whether to extend to all year groups in the following academic year.

At the meeting, parents raised the question of provision of out of school activities. School had plans to begin some after school/lunch clubs next year. We hope to provide Art and Crat, Choir, and Phonics clubs, a Lacrosse club may be a possibility, together with the already up and running sports clubs.

Parents discussed ideas for activity days and weeks for shared parent and child learning experiences. One possibility raised was to invite parents to join in activities during our Inter-Faith Week next year. School would like to utilise the skills, talents and experiences of our parents as much as possible. Once volunteers can come back into school it would be great to have parents in to support reading, cooking, craft, gardening, to give talks and presentations about different cultures, festivals and/or anything else they can offer that supports the children and the curriculum.

Thank you again for everyone’s support in helping us to achieve the Leading Parent Partnership Award. The meeting today was very productive and we look forward to opening up the Parent Forum to more parents and carers in the next year.

N Halligan

Leading Parent Partnership Award Co-ordinator