

Parent Forum Minutes Thursday 7 December 2023

Present: 4 Parents (Plus two Governors)

Mr Thomas Hall (Head of School)

Next Meeting: To be confirmed

Agenda	Discussion	Action
Welcome	Mr Hall Welcomes everyone to the Parent forum and says a prayer. Everyone introduces themselves.	
	Head of School: Mission Statement. There are 8 school values staff and pupils have been looking at them. The children would have difficulty talking about the whole mission statement. This is the motivation for simplifying it.	
	School Governor (CP): Came to the school on Tuesday and met with the children to chat about what they thought of the mission statement.	
	Head of School: The children queried what was belonging? It was explained being part of something, made to feel welcome. If you don't feel you belong less likely to make progress. Ensure children felt that sense of belonging. Children were keen on alliteration of striving for success more than excellence-'striving for excellence' may be unachievable for some. Was explained to the children it means a child's personal excellence.	
	Parent Email: Mission statement great. Don't need faith in second statement as this word is also included in the first sentence. Parent: It is a Catholic school.	
	Head of School: Talking to Executive Head about losing 'educational experience' and changing to 'education' and removing 'all areas'.	
Feast Day	Head of School: Celebrated Feast Day Friday 1 December. Does not know why Cuthbert Mayne was chosen as he was not a saint when the school opened in the 1950's. Blessed Cuthbert Mayne became a saint in the 1970's.	

Church attendance	<p>Parent: Questioned how often the children go to mass. Seemed some children were unsure of the routine of mass. Could there be more mass in Church?</p> <p>Head of School: Liturgy happens every Monday in the school hall. Mass in Church is at the start and end of term. Collective worship every day. Grace is said before lunch. There is not enough time in the school timetable to go to church every week. Could be some scope for school mass during lent at 8.00am. 10% of the school timetable is for RE. The children were excited to attend mass, being with their friends.</p>	
	<p>Head of School: Governors meeting week commencing 12 Dec to discuss what children and parents have said. Agree on the final version of the mission statement</p>	