



Parent Forum Minutes - 2 December 2015

- Welcome by Chair - Arthur Williams
- Introduction by Chair and information provided on purpose of the Parent Forum meeting.
- Introduced Esther Akinmade (Acting Headteacher) and thanked her all the work she had done over the last 12 month.

- Esther Akinmade gave a speech covering the period she first started at All Saints to Present, which outlined some her personal achievements: Introducing Prefects to the School, Prize Giving Evenings, and Math Links with St Joseph's College, upgrading the school's web-site and leaving the school in a more favorably financial position.

- The Chair thanked her again for her input and for the foundations she has layed and for improved learning behavior in the classroom, e.g. pupils learning and doing their best, which will stand in good stead for the incoming new Headteacher, who starts on 4 January 2016. An Assembly will be held for Mrs Akinmade on Friday 18 December 2015 at 09.30am and parent/carers are invited to attend.

- The Chair informed Parents that the new Headteacher Ms Josephine Copeland had been in the school regularly and has been involved in the recent staffing changes and recruitment. She has also had training with the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education and also has regular contact with Mrs Akinmade on what is happening at the school. He also indicated Ms Copeland will be well briefed by the Governors.

- The Chair reminded the Parent Forum of the grant bid of £150k to do some building improvements to upgrade the front entrance of the school, which would include a space for parents to have a private discussion with office staff and moving children toilets from current space for safeguarding reasons. The plans have gone to the Governors and have been approved. The slip road will be closed off.

- Chair informed everybody that the School has an Ofsted Visit pending 2016. As the school is under "requires improvement", it is still being monitored. Mrs Akinmade indicated that the school is reviewed by the LA every term and we raising school standards to good. There has been progress in every year group, e.g. LA checked books last term and where they now doing well or need to be better. We now have more reading books suitable for Boys and Teachers have had more training with working with boys. There has also been an increase in male teachers, which we hope will provide a strong role model for our pupils.

- Karen from the PTA provided information on the Christmas Fair which will held on Thursday 10 December 2015 between 3.30-5.30pm. Each Class will be encouraged to get involved. Reminder for donations and help on the day. PTA will meet at 2.00pm on the day to set-up. Karen made a request for a Santa on the day.

Issues raised by Parents

- A parent raised the issue regarding curriculum level assessment changes and how the new system had affected her child because they now appear to be below average. The parent indicated that they had been frustrated by the changes, as there had not been any dialogue with the parents regarding this change. Mrs Akinmade gave an overview on the National Curriculum change and the new testing systems, which schools were required to set up themselves and how All Saints used the Rising Stars Test. She will however relay this message to the class teachers. Mrs Akinmade also indicated that by the end of the year most children will be on track.
- There will be no School Disco at the end of term
- There will however be KS1 & KS2 productions
- **The Chair thanked parents for the support they have given to school**

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