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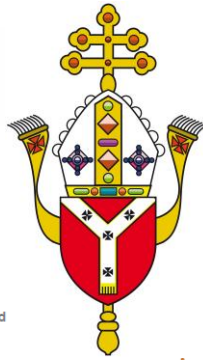
St Joseph's Catholic Infant School



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Christ Is Our Model



St Joseph's Catholic Junior School



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Parent Focus Group Minutes Friday 14th October

Attendance: Mrs Whelan, Mr Betts and the following.

Parent	Of	Class
Mr Kieran O'Rourke	Ryan	Yr 1
Mrs Helena King	Aidan	3-1
	Ryan	Reception Cl 1
Ms Kerry Jeeves	Amelia	Reception Cl 1
	Dylan	4-2
Mrs Christine Dias	Alryk	Year 1
	Bevyn	Four one
Mrs Ijeoma Ezejughi	Knechi	3-1
Mrs Fernandes	Riva	Yr 1

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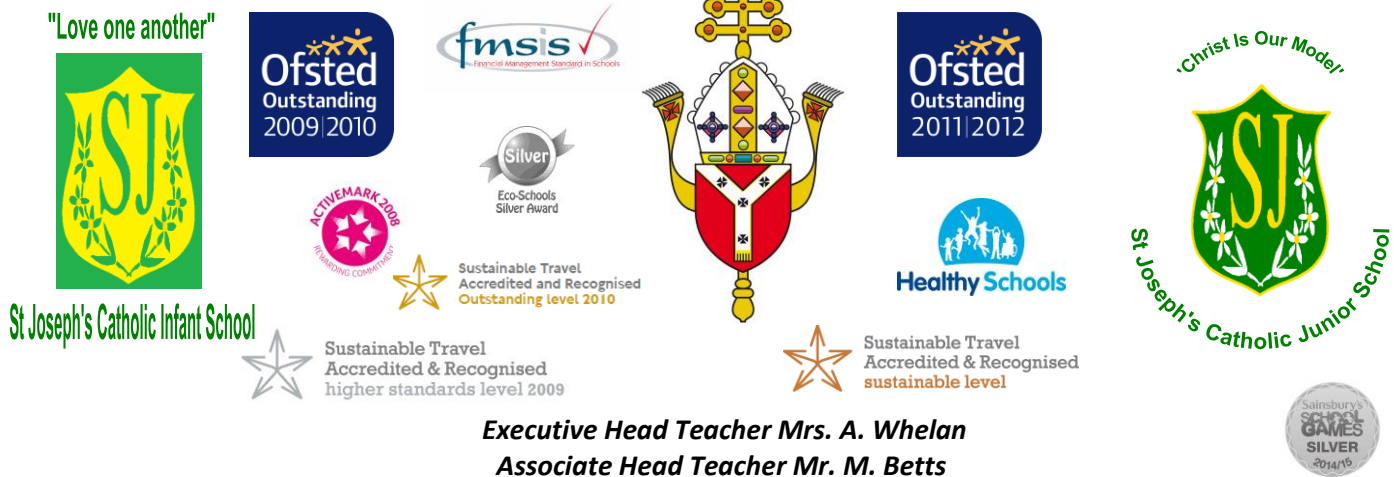
1. Opening prayer
2. Terms of reference – read through
3. Communication – most things through parent pay now. Parent pay still evolving. Not supposed to use hotmail etc. Parent pay is also free to use. Website is also another port of call for information.
 - Newsletters – try to promote – hard copy sent home at beginning of each term and rest on website. Suggestion made when sending out make a new heading – so people don't delete it. Eg St Joseph's newsletter not parent pay newsletter. Rewards sticker has been used for children when their parents read the newsletter. Maybe send out a letter to say it's coming out. (do survey to see who has internet at home)



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- Additional questionnaire after parents' evening to get feedback. This meeting includes targets, strengths and weaknesses. We have had workshops – grammar, writing etc. We will do an RE one with the children. Other areas in infants – more phonics. There are links on the website - Ruth Miskin for phonics. 'Stay and play' in reception and nursery workshop is planned. ICT – one with the children and parents together is a suggestion for E safety skills and ICT skills. It can be better coming from a teacher.
4. Year of Mercy and collective worship –
 - Policy handed out for those who were not part of the group last year.
 - Collective worship opportunities (is also on the website) Trying to forge stronger links. Reconciliations, masses. Etc
 - How can parents be involved in the prayer life of the school? Mass in the classroom? Class masses. See the priests. Fr Danny Horan .
 5. Pupil premium is funding that schools received above and beyond the normal funding for children who are on benefits or free school meals – some families don't apply if they go for tax credits. If getting free school meals in the infants school they may not apply for it. Funding is used for for extra staff to support children, after school clubs and school trips.
 6. Prevent strategy handout given- on radicalisation of students. British values links to radicalisation, - democracy etc talked about. Links to us as a catholic school as part of the mission statement as part of gospel values. Ties in with monthly values talked about in assemblies.
 7. Safeguarding – FGM – high level in Brent. Handout given.
 8. Health and well being project – we qualify for silver but procedures have to be followed with paperwork submitted. Daily mile to be introduced into junior school and from Year 1 as well. Big launch after Christmas. Parents to walk/run with child. Dental health spoken about.
 9. PGL on Friday – highlighted concern over parking our streets as many driveways are blocked and is not safe for children with cars turning etc. It's a worry and a danger. An ambulance would not have access to the school.
 10. Agenda request – poor quality of the uniform is a concern. Current provider is expensive and quality does not match the price. Plans for new colours in pipeline.
 11. Issues with quality of reading books. 'Rocket books'.



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12. Parental meeting workshops and questionnaires. Yr 3 – homework not clear enough. Plans for homework needs to be clearer – eg reading system etc, testing. Sheet to inform parents to be stuck into the cover – explain all about the reading programme. Could homework be on website
13. Black history month projects to be done over half term.
14. Parent association – disco next Friday - 6.30-8.30 in juniors
15. Links to secondary schools – stained glass windows have been done by students from Newman Catholic College and we are all very impressed and grateful.
16. Charities – Justice of Peace group discussed and Bright Sock day.
17. Xmas fair juniors – 4th December Coffee morning around black history.
18. Assemblies – coffees after assembly. A rep from each class would be good.
19. SLT – after assembly parents to complete a sheet. Opinions and what they got from collective worship they have seen. Try on Tuesday with year 2.
20. Funding from St Greg's to be used for science museum outreach.
21. Citizenship week next week, then anti bullying week, black history month competition coming out next week.
22. Public speaking – trying to take off – with children to do small lecturettes. Debate club?
23. Christmas card drawings – to be sent off today. All children have done and parents can purchase own cards.