



# ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS C. E. (FOUNDATION) PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL

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## Parent Voice Feedback – Meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Present:-      Pre-School – Chantelle Ridehalgh                      Staff – Claire Berry  
                          Reception – Jamie Armitage    Charlotte Westby  
                          Year 1 – Alexandra Nightingale-Smith                                      Alex Whyte  
                          Year 3 – Zoe Foster-Wren  
                          Year 4 – Sonia Mullaney

<p>Extra-curricular clubs, can there be more and also something available for Reception class?</p>	<p>As discussed at previous PV meetings, clubs rely on willing staff. Have tried external companies in the past with little success.          A class representative said that a current parent has suggested he would be willing to offer a sports club – please can they contact the school office to request to become a volunteer. It was noted that there was no club available to Reception class currently, investigate something appropriate.</p>
<p>Reception Class Parent Readers.          Request to alternate days from the beginning of the week and end of the week.</p>	<p>Each half term we hold these sessions on a different day of the week to make them accessible to as many parents as possible. It will not necessarily follow the week chronologically as is planned around staffing/PPA, timetabling and class topics. Request passed onto Miss Barnes for future.</p>
<p>Water bottles. Why is water/cups not available for each child if they have forgotten their water bottle? Texts sent out asking for parents to drop off but this isn't always possible and then children go without a drink</p>	<p>It is not possible for school to provide cups for hygiene reasons as we cannot guarantee they would be washed adequately in the classroom. Cups cause more spillage issues than bottles. For a number of years we had spare water bottles that we gave away but these have all been used. Generally, we have some spare milk cartons and these are made available to children if a parent cannot get in to drop off a forgotten water bottle.</p>
<p>Pre-School end of year trip to park or disco?</p>	<p>There will be an end of year event for Pre-Schoolers as there has been in the past, this is being planned and details will follow in due course.</p>
<p>World Down Syndrome Day and educating about?</p>	<p>Down Syndrome is certainly something that is discussed throughout school for example in Worship for classes Reception upwards. World Down Syndrome Day is held on 21<sup>st</sup> March so too soon to</p>

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	arrange for this year, also already have an Easter event on this day. Calendar to look at for next year.
Grass in winter, fund to have it fenced off, parent unhappy about children getting muddy.	Not an option for school to fund fencing off our playground to children. However, we agree that children in all year groups can bring a pair of wellies to enjoy outdoor playtimes and remind class staff that children can change into them for break. Also to investigate having a 'welly hand me down' much the same as we do with school uniform.
Information about the Year 5 residential and specifically the sleeping arrangements.	Information evening was held in September when Miss Burt and the current Year 5 children presented to current Year 4 about their trip to share their experiences and answer questions about all things residential. There is also a link on the letters to the Newby Wiske website page which shows the actual sleep pods, apparently they have led lights inside too! Letters are uploaded to the class page. Miss Burt is happy to speak with parents who have specific queries, either on the phone or at an after-school appointment. There will be a further meeting and opportunity for group discussions before this trip.
Can children dress up for World Book Day?	No, new parents may not realise that Mrs Berry is very firm on the concept of World Book Day being about enjoying reading rather than the commercial event it has become. We have had and will have other opportunities for dressing up when this is more appropriate.
Assessments – parents were not aware of	We try and keep these low-key so as not to cause undue stress or pressure for children (or parents/carers!) Could go on the school calendar in the future.
Afternoon Tea	Some families were not aware of how this celebration works – discussion about and link to website to be shared <a href="#">here</a>
Celebration Worship – whole class award not notified by text	In the event of a whole class receiving an award parents are not generally notified by text as they would be for individuals because we do not have the capacity in the school hall for potentially 2 parents from each family to attend our Friday <a href="#">Celebration Worship</a> .

**Next meeting: Friday 26 April at 2:25pm**

Anyone from our school community is invited to submit a whole class or whole school issue for discussion at the next Parent Voice meeting and these can be submitted by completing our form [here](#).

*As ever, thank you to our parent representatives for giving their time.*