



# Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

**'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'**

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## **Parent Rep meeting**

**Thursday 21st September 2017**

### **Attendees:**

Mr Marcel Devereux (Governor)

Mrs Lorraine Bassey

Mrs Julia Valek

Mrs Lisa Nash

### **Apologises:**

Mrs Frances Murphy

Parents reported back that the transition to reception had gone very well.

Introduction of family pictures went down very well.

More resources have gone down well.

Possibly look at more resources for year 1?

**ACTION: With be determined via fundraising.**

**Q) Some parents had queried the Statue cost? Was it from the school budget?**

A) No - Part payment was paid for by non-uniform and some from the spelling day.

**Q) Is it correct that school are not splitting classes from yr1 to y2?**

Most of the class seemed to be together. Most parents happy with this.

A) No there is no policy, the school have to consider various factors and resource driven eg children with SEN may have an impact along with individual needs of the children.

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and promoting the welfare of children*

**Q) Homework is now optional. Are projects voluntary?**

A) Yes both are voluntary.

**Q) Does the school have a set figure on how projects are to be done per term/year.**

Some were getting one every 2 weeks. Yr5 were very happy ref projects.

**Q) Marking of homework will it always be done?**

A) No



HOMEWORK POLICY  
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*Please see look at homework policy*

The parent reps believed there should be some communication from school to say there is an emphasis on home involvement/partnership and the education of a child, where practical carries on in the home environment.

The reps asked about the school funding and Mr Devereux explained about this and the 10% difference. They said this would be worthwhile highlighting this to parents as most were unaware of this.

## **ACTION**

Mr Devereux to liaise with Mrs Shoard.

**Q) Concern was raised over math groups. There is no more top middle bottom in KS2.**

A) The settings in Y6 continue. There is differentiation within all the classes. The problem with top middle and bottom sets was there were up to 5 sets and the classroom teacher would not know the children's progress as much as the teacher taking the set and a great deal of time was wasted going back and forth to different classes, using up valuable time.

**Q) Pupils hitting level 5 and above will not achieve much more and there seems to be no pushing.**

A) Level 5 doesn't exist anymore but the higher achievers will still be pushed. There is differentiation in all classes including challenge for the higher achievers.

**Q) At parents evening, teachers don't seem to giving specific feedback.**

A) Mr Devereux suggested that parents need to take the responsibility and ask the teachers if they had concerns or ideas on how to help at home.

**Q) Many parents would like to see more clubs, cricket, football etc. One suggestion comes from St Michaels in Ashford where clubs pick up children from school and then parents go to the club to pick up their children.**

A) There are clubs currently being run at lunchtime and afterschool. These are reviewed on a regular basis and children asked what clubs they would like.

	MON	TUE	WED	THU
KS1	SEWING BALLET	SPORTS CLUB FOOTBALL FRENCH HOCKEY	BALLET	DRAMA
KS2	SEWING	FOOTBALL	STREET DANCE	DRAMA
				Chess

**Q) Fund raising.**

A) Mr Devereux explained he had written to every company on the trading estate with unfortunately hardly any responses, although he was working with someone to try and get some projects off the ground.

Sainsbury's vouchers - feedback would be good on what equipment has been given to



the school.

**Q) School field was unused in the dry summer months, why was this as it must have been safe.**

**Waste of a useful amenity for children to exercise and play on.**

A) It appears it was used for PE and also at Lunchtimes

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**Q) Any update on conservation area being used?**

A) Progress has been made with benches being installed for lunchtimes etc but it will now be for spring/summer 2018.

It will also be an area for children with emotional problems and for those needing space during the day if needed.

There will be more use of it for curriculum and science lessons.

**Q) Packed lunch update - Can we move away from plastic bags?**

A) This will be communicated in the newsletter.

**Q) Who is the appointed person for pastoral care?**

Parents have been informed of an up and coming NSPCC talk, if a child has an issue, who will deal with this? Will there be an appointed person for pastoral care.

A) As always, the class teacher can be approached but also now we have Mrs Webster (school nurse) and or LSAs. They would then inform the Head, deputy Head and if neither of these are available there are further designated members of staff.

There are then processes and procedures that are used and flagged up for any concerns. A recent safeguarding audit commended the high levels of support that are in place at the school.

**Q) Is there a strategic vision update?**

A) Being shared with staff, governors, students and parents and will be on the website ASAP.

Mr Devereux to report back any findings or progress.

**Q) Could a regular section be put in the newsletter about who the parent reps are, briefly their purpose and that there are vacancies?**

A) Yes it will be