

# St Thomas à Becket CEVA Primary School

## Parent's Forum Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December



*With faith and nurture we flourish*

Staff	Mrs L Meredith	Parents	R Barnett
Governor			J Parker

Discussion Point	Action/comments
Actions from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ All items completed. It was noted that not many children do put their lunch inside. There was a short discussion around concerns of lunchboxes being overwarm in the summer. LM will ensure they are kept shaded</li> </ul>
Behaviour in school – there have been several incidents of children picking on others and not acting in the way we expect from children upholding our school vision and values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There was a lengthy discussion around this important issue; unkind behaviour is not acceptable in our school.</li> <li>➤ We discussed the importance of children reporting to an adult in school when an incident has occurred so we can act on it. It was felt that some younger or less confident children may not have the confidence to tell a member of staff. A suggestion was to use older children in school as 'buddies' to report incidents to staff if required.</li> <li>➤ It was felt that the problems were often stemming from the children's need to be aware of their audience and acceptable environments. It was felt that often children were not intending to be unkind but were repeating what was said at home in a different environment as a joke but when said to another child in a different context it could be upsetting. This is a difficult concept for children to understand but the overwhelming message from the meeting was that 'as parents we all need to support each other and work with the school to reinforce the values expected of our children'. It was requested that even if the incident is minor parents would like to be informed if their child has been unkind so they can reinforce the message at home of the importance of being kind and respectful to others.</li> </ul> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children will be told they can talk to class councillors or prefects who will pass on the message to an adult.</li> <li>• Councillors and prefects will be prepared for this and be told what to do</li> <li>• If there is an incident of a child being unkind to someone else, parents will be informed so we can work together to stop this happening.</li> </ul>
Is the website working for you – what do you like and what could be improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ It was reported that the children use the website frequently, in particular to access homework and spellings.</li> <li>➤ Also is an easy access to the newsletter.</li> </ul>
Frequency and costs of school trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A parent had raised concerns over the cost and frequency of trips. Parents present (and also others questioned who were unable to attend) expressed that they were very happy with the trips, felt them to be enormously valuable as learning experiences for their children in making their learning real. They felt there is huge value in going with friends and</li> </ul>

	<p>their children had come home buzzing with excitement about the recent Science museum trip. It was felt that the three trips this year at a cost of £15 to parents as subsidised by PTFA was exceptional value and they would like more trips if possible.</p>
<p>A concern was raised about a message not getting to their child in a timely manner</p>	<p>➤ The school is looking at updating the phone system so Woodpeckers and Kestrel Class have a handset so internal messages can be phoned through.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>13<sup>th</sup> March 2020</p>