

Saint Paul's Journey

Meeting with parents – 14 February 2019

This was the third regular meeting with parents of the school year; Miss Woods and Miss Donna M were also present.

Academy

We are now an Academy. Peter Chadwick and Miss Woods had had a good meeting at the offices of the Trust with senior officers and the Trust's structures of support for the school will be simple and effective. The Church values which we have always expressed will continue and be strengthened.

After School Clubs

There was some considerable discussion about after school clubs including Cookery and Dance/Motor Skills and how to deal with the situation where more children wanted to attend than there were places available. Was 'first come – first served' always the fairest way to allocate places? Communication with parents about clubs could be improved - children were given letters to take home, but these could easily get lost en route. In future there would be reference to Clubs and the Club letter in weekly newsletters – in the last and first issues for each term. Clubs usually run very well – and the School will be looking at offering a wider range as from September.

Homework

While school education takes place primarily in school, homework is useful in that it inculcates ideas such that regular study is serious, important and enjoyable. Parents like to know that it is being marked attentively since this encourages both parents and children - and it would be good to see more use of smileys, stickers, etc. Homework isn't always corrected for spelling - this is dealt with primarily in class.

International Food Day

This will be on 22 March.

Individual Cases

A number of matters involving individual children were raised. Miss Donna took note of these to follow up outside the meeting.

Peter Chadwick
Chair, Governing Body