

St. Cedd's Church of England Primary School



Parent Forum Meeting

16.03.18

Attendees: Lyndsey Wood, Pauline Ward, Kelly Andrews, Andrew Mathers

1. Welcome and introductions.

2. RE distinctiveness was discussed. The teaching of RE through 'Understanding Christianity' was shared which is based upon a 'Big Question' which the children answer. Reverend Brigid supported staff with the implementation when it was first launched around 18 months ago and Reverend Steven supports the school currently, leading Collective Worship once a week in school as well as supporting teachers during the teaching of RE. The teaching of other faiths was discussed, with children developing respect for other cultures. Discussion around whether children talk about their learning of RE at home and how parents themselves feel about RE. Some families develop an understanding together at home, watching television programmes and documentaries and are keen for their children to learn about other faiths and different places of worship. Next academic year, consider adding an explanation of what the children will be learning in RE each half term, with examples and meanings of key words to support parental knowledge of the subject.

3. Christian Values were discussed and how these are promoted within school. Children are taught the school values through daily Collective Worship and are embedded across the school. Children receive Values certificates from staff for displaying a school value. Promoting the Christian Values to parents at home through half termly newsletters will enhance understanding.

4. Trips and visits were discussed with the new school curriculum incorporating a trip or visit to enhance half termly topics. Ideas for next academic year were shared, such as considering offering some trips across key stages to support cost implications and help to avoid trips being cancelled. Consider adding a visual prompt for parents within the trip letter

that is sent home so parents have an awareness of what they are funding, how it links to the class topic and personal skills which the children will develop. To enhance further, the children could make an object/ item linked to the trip, which they take home with them.

5.Areas of discussion for next meeting: Physical Education, Communication.

6.Mrs Wood and Mrs Ward thanked our parents for coming. It is extremely helpful for us as a school to understand and share the views of our parents.