

Parent Forum Minutes – Tuesday 21st April 2026

Lunches

Query:

Follow up on the vegetable crudites to be offered at lunch.

We have chased this up again with the catering team and will ensure crudites are incorporated into the weekly menus.

Clubs

Query:

Can we have additional after school club/activity options for Reception?

As mentioned in the previous minutes, at present, we are at full capacity in terms of space for after-school clubs, so we're unable to add any further sessions to the timetable. Following on from our previous Parent Forum, the Mini Coders club is now open to Reception children.

Query:

Would it be possible to extend the Chelsea Football Academy after school club to include the Infants?

We have spoken with the academy, and they are going to arrange for the club to be able to facilitate both Junior and Infant children from September onwards.

Query:

Can music lessons be done during the lunch break and not during class time?

Limiting music lessons to break times would significantly reduce the number of sessions we could offer. Instead, music lesson timetables are rotated weekly, ensuring that children do not miss the same part of the school day each week.

Query:

Is it possible for some clubs to run after school rather than during lunchtime?

Running clubs during lunchtime allows us to extend the range of activities we can offer, as it makes use of time within the school day and ensures more pupils have the opportunity to participate. If all clubs were moved to after school, this would reduce the number we could provide. We have been in touch with Toni, our chess teacher, to explore the possibility of running an after-school chess club next academic year, and we will share updates once arrangements are confirmed.

Just to also reiterate, children are only collected for their lunchtime clubs at the usual end of lunch, when all of the children line up. Therefore, their allocated time to eat is not reduced or interrupted.

Query:

Is it possible for Chelsea Tennis to collect the children from school on Fridays and walk them to St Luke's?

Parents of the children who take part in this club need to ask Chelsea Tennis to communicate with the school about this so that we can carry out the appropriate health and safety risk assessments to see if this is possible.

Query:

Could we have a debating club for the Juniors?

This is certainly something we would like to reinstate for next academic year.

Other

Query:

Could we ensure children look smart in their uniform for musical performances, mass etc.

We always encourage the children to take pride over their uniform in school.

Query:

Can we have more regular masses for children and parents in the church? Weekly? Or monthly?

We hold our start of year mass, Christmas Carol service, whole school Benediction, First Holy Communion and end of year mass in the church as a whole school. In between these times, all masses are celebrated within school which are always very special celebrations with Fr James.

Query:

Could the PTA movie choice reflect Christian values?

Our PTA Movie Night last weekend was a great success. This is meant to be an informal moment for our very special school community to come together and the PTA choose a film that they know the children will enjoy and is more of a recent release. The children thoroughly enjoyed the evening for which we are very grateful to our PTA for.

Query:

Is there a need to have the screen up during their music performances?

The projector is used during music performances so that children can follow and read the notes and rhythms, which forms an important part of their music learning. Having the screen visible supports them in developing their musical literacy and helps them perform more confidently and accurately. The performances that parents see in concerts are just one element of the wide range of activities the children take part in during their music lessons. The children also work on listening skills, rhythm exercises, notation reading, composition, and practical music-making, all of which contribute to their overall musical development.

Query:

Has the school discussed the possibility of having a zebra crossing on Ixworth Place?

We were told by the council that no extra zebra crossings would be installed around the school, but will follow up with them once more. We are also awaiting an update from them regarding railings along the pavement by the hall doors to create some sort of safety barrier between the road and the school.

Query:

Can girls wear green socks with the summer uniform?

The girls wear white socks with their summer uniform: [Uniform List](#)

Query:

Please could we reduce the amount of movies / TV as rewards for good work?

Movies are never given as rewards for good work in any class. Pom-pom rewards are chosen by the class, are never screen-related and are usually arts and crafts or outdoor/sports based.

Query:

Please could there be in class announcements of a low tolerance policy for children saying "OMG" and an explanation why this is unacceptable.

We do already address this within school and have clear expectations around respectful language. Staff regularly remind children about appropriate expressions and explain why certain phrases, including "OMG", are not appropriate. Staff will continue to regularly remind children as needed.

Query:

Could we have a staged pick-up system to help reduce congestion at the end of the school day?

The school has, over many years, tried various ways of managing pick up. In a challenging building such as ours, we have settled on the safest and most well organised system that we can. Having a separate pick-up time for our Infant and Junior children would cause even longer waiting times for many of our parents who have children in both the Infants and Juniors.

Queries:

Can we celebrate the Feast of St Philip Neri?

Can Fr James visit each class more regularly?

Can we celebrate masses at least once per term?

Could we have a whole school Mass at the beginning of the year?

Can daily prayers, such as the Our Father and Hail Mary be incorporated into the school routine?

Would it be possible to organise workshops or assemblies focused on saints?

All of these queries are together because they all already happen!

Father James always leads a special assembly on the Feast of St Philip Neri (always recorded in that week's newsletter) and all children come home with a special prayer card.

As well as his other commitments outside of school, Father James visits each class as regularly as he can.

This includes talking about the liturgical calendar, gospels and answering any questions from the 'Questions for Fr James' boxes in every classroom.

We always celebrate mass more than once a term – with class family masses and special feast days always celebrated. For example, we have our Feast of Ascension mass coming up.

We have a whole school mass at the church at the start of every academic year which parents are invited to. Prayer is an integral part to the children's daily routine, including learning the Our Father and Hail Mary which is also part of the RE curriculum, the RE prayer journal homework, First Holy Communion preparation and assemblies.

Assemblies are structured around the liturgical year, including learning about the lives of different saints. The children also learn about their class saint in detail and each class has a copy of 'A Saint a Day' book for the children to enjoy.

Queries:

Could teachers provide reminders to pupils that confession is available on Fridays?

Father James is going to go to classes when he arrives for confession on Fridays so that the children know that he is there.

Queries:

Concern about how some parents are parking during drop off and pick up.

Our school is part of a wider community, and it is essential that we remain considerate of them and help keep the area safe and accessible for everyone. Parking restrictions are in place to protect pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users, and ignoring them can create unsafe situations for children and the community. We urge all families to work together to ensure that parking is done **safely, legally, and respectfully.**