



Our Lady and St Anne's Primary School

Participatory Budgeting Parent/Staff Meeting

Monday 20th September 2021



In Attendance: Jennifer Taylor (Lead), Catherine Quail (HT),
Louise Parker (PT), Lara Carroll (PT/Minutes)
Mrs O'Connor Mr White Ms Foley (Parents)

Apologies: Mrs Bradshaw

Key Points Discussed

- Pupil Equity Fund money – 5% to be dedicated to Participatory Budget – approx. £4000
- School Community to decide on how to spend
- Has to have an equity and fairness focus
- Lots of parents have returned Google Forms with initial suggestions
- Pupil Council Meeting was held in school to explain and gather ideas – Google Form created for classes with short list. PC fed information to classes and pupils were invited to give their views on how money should be spent. P6s helped P1 and P2 to do this
- Most popular ideas from pupils were on outdoor equipment and sensory and fidget toys

Suggestions given during meeting -

- Mrs O'Connor – fidget toys / ICT
- Mr White – life skills – cooking / budgeting / shopping / garden / growing fruit and veg / First Aid / Food Bank within the school to be accessed privately
- Ms Foley – Morrisons have extended into 3 education settings and are looking to take on a fourth after Christmas and would support this idea.
- Mrs Currie said this ties in with uniform shop idea, explaining that uniforms are now boxed in sizes to be available to parents when restrictions ease
- Miss Parker mentioned that we have talked about a washing machine in the past
- Mrs Carroll suggested self-help books for Library section – Ms Foley and Mr White expressed a shared interest in this.
- Mrs Currie explained that much of our PEF money has gone towards additional staffing / Barnardos worker / Literacy & Numeracy development

What next?

- Ideas have to now go to the wider community for a vote
- Proposals for how we would like to spend money must be submitted by early Oct