



PARENT FORUM MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 2019

Present: Julie Puxley
Sharon Bear
Deb Pawson
Peta Torrance
Catherine Kelly
Mandy Weetch
Debbie Gibson
Jenny Dear
Kate Horrey
Claire Haddock

1.	<p><u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received from Amy Kennedy, Lizzie Harvey, Vanessa Hansen, Emma Baker and Madi Wilkie.</p>
2.	<p><u>School Reports - Juniors</u> Julie explained the format of the new termly progress reports for the Juniors which now reports on all subjects (not just Maths and English), and also progress with time tables and spelling.</p> <p>It was thought that more explanation was needed for report on handwriting and this will be clarified for Easter report.</p> <p>The annual reports would now have comments on all curriculum subjects, as well as Maths and English, with a comment on an individual's special skills and personalised next step targets. Parents felt this would be a useful document.</p>
3.	<p><u>School Dinners</u> Julie explained that with the catering budget in deficit that we needed to look at ways to increase the income without putting up prices. Options suggested were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offer packed lunches to Junior children for trips• Look at days where there was a low uptake and consider those menu options• Have theme days to promote school dinners• Look at offering parents the opportunity to have a school dinner, maybe on set days with spaces for about half dozen parents <p>It was also brought up that there was a higher emphasis on carbohydrates than proteins for vegetarian meals which was not the best balance. However choices have been agreed and the uptake for vegetarian options is very low.</p> <p>Julie will discuss these options with Gundega Krastina.</p>

4	<p><u>Curriculum</u></p> <p>The new focus for Ofsted from 2019 was less on results and more on the overall curriculum. As part of the school's strategy Julie explained that included with PHSE in school we have now introduced a 'mindfulness' programme. Parents agreed children described a broad and balanced curriculum offer.</p>
5.	<p><u>Year 6 SATs Books</u></p> <p>Parents had asked if they could have some form of glossary as they were finding it difficult to understand many of the terms used in this year's SATs books. Julie said she would feed back to the Year 6 teachers as they were currently reflecting on and re-evaluating the books we use.</p>
6.	<p><u>Fund Raising</u></p> <p>Some parents had queried why the summer fete would be on a Friday afternoon this year. Kate responded that as we were struggling to get enough helpers, amongst the parents, to run a fete on a Saturday, the fund raising team were trying a Friday to see if more people would be willing to help on this day.</p>
7.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school's medicine policy was discussed, as a result of surgeries being reluctant to prescribe over the counter medications. The school would look at strategies so that children with a healthcare plan or long term injuries could receive such medicines on a 'case by case' basis. • It was asked if it would be possible to put up a canopy outside the doors in the Juniors, like the ones in the Infants. Although it was agreed this would be ideal, we would need a way to fund this as we do not currently have the budget for it.
8.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The date for the Summer Term meeting will be at 2.15 pm on Wednesday 26th June 2019.</p>