



PARENT FORUM MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2018

Present: Julie Puxley Mandy Weetch
Sharon Bear Emma Baker
Deb Pawson Jenny Dear
Peta Torrance Kate Horrey
Vanessa Hansen Madi Wilkie
Trevor Cleeve

1.	<p><u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received from Amy Kennedy, Claire Haddock and Catherine Kelly.</p>								
2.	<p><u>School Development Plan</u> Julie gave a presentation on the School Development Plan. This last year we achieved a lot, some with the help of the Fund Raising Team. Key points were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Art Room• New Playground• School Minibus• New Classroom Names• Appointment of Beci McCaughran as Primary DSI for the Trust• E Safety Workshops• Mathematics Mastery <p>She also outlined that for this coming year our senior leaders would have specific points of focus throughout the school:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"><tr><td>• Effectiveness of Leadership/Management</td><td>Caroline Dolby</td></tr><tr><td>• Teaching and Learning</td><td>Rob Aiken</td></tr><tr><td>• Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare</td><td>Georgia Slade</td></tr><tr><td>• Outcomes for Pupils and Assessment</td><td>Anthony Hull</td></tr></table>	• Effectiveness of Leadership/Management	Caroline Dolby	• Teaching and Learning	Rob Aiken	• Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare	Georgia Slade	• Outcomes for Pupils and Assessment	Anthony Hull
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3.	<p><u>School Reports</u> Julie asked for feedback on the format of school reports.</p> <p>Jenny commented that the termly Junior reports were confusing and there was no 'key' for the codes that were used. Julie will look at how we can improve this.</p> <p>In discussion about the annual reports, everyone was very positive about the format although it would be possible to amalgamate the final sections into one. Also as the termly format gave a scale of 3 for end of year results but the annual format had 5, it was agreed that this could be standardised so that the annual format also had a scale of 3.</p>								

4.	<p><u>Fund Raising – Christmas Fair</u> The Fund Raising Team had set out a stall rota, allocating a specific stall to each class and asked the reps to canvass their class parents to man that stall for the duration of the fair. All were happy to take on this task.</p>
5.	<p><u>Transition into Year 3</u> Julie wanted to know if it was felt that having an evening meeting for parents of children moving to Year 3 was worthwhile or whether an extended ‘meet the teacher’ meeting would be better. Everyone agreed they would rather keep the evening meeting as there were quite a few changes for their children moving into the Junior school.</p>
6.	<p><u>Early Years Transition</u> This year’s part time introduction to Early Years had worked really well. There were a minority of parents that would like full time to start earlier in the term but as all the children were in school full time after 3 weeks and this did not previously happen until three weeks after the October half term, it was felt that with the children’s welfare in mind this was soon enough.</p>
7.	<p><u>Workshops</u> Junior parent reps said that the Maths Assertive Mentoring workshops had been brilliant and all agreed that the Infant Phonic workshops were also very good. It was debated whether maths workshops in the Infants would be beneficial and was agreed that some good website links for home learning and some school crib sheets on the website would be welcome.</p>
8.	<p><u>New Club Charges</u> Although everyone understood the need for charging for after school clubs, with reduced funding for schools, it was reported that some parents felt that charging for squads was unfair. Julie explained that the school’s view was that as squad places were optional and instead of after school club, it would be unfair if those children were not charged just because they were good at an activity.</p>
9.	<p><u>Year 6 York Trip</u> There was no feedback for this item.</p>
10.	<p><u>Trip Costs</u> Although parents understand the need for increased costs, it was felt that it would have been better if this had been spaced out as everything went up at the same time this term.</p> <p>Kate and Maddie put forward an idea for putting a ‘Trip Top Up’ item on ParentPay directly after each trip for those parents that were happy to pay for the full cost, rather than the subsidised cost the school requests. This would be instead of asking for a donation at the end of the year to cover all the trips. It was agreed that this was a good idea and Sharon/Debbie will look at ways of introducing this.</p>

11	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Year 1 parents had asked if it was possible for classes to go to Forest School in a block of weeks, rather than classes alternating weeks. Julie responded that as a parent she understood it was difficult to keep track of which week their child was going to Forest School. However, it would remain this way as the lessons for core subjects such as Maths and English need to remain consistent across the two classes.</p>
12.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The date of the next meeting will be 6th March 2019 at 2.15 pm.</p>