

Parents' Forum Meeting

Tuesday 12th July 2016, 2.30pm

Present: Mr Crumpler, Trudy Hinton, Jules Bond, Angela Burgess-Hughes, Helen Covell, Karen Penny, Tracey Phenix, Ali Purse, Amy Woodhouse

Apologies: Rebecca Thomlinson

Issues arising from previous meeting

Bikeability – this is now taking place.

SATs – these have taken place and our results are very good, we are approx. 10% above the National Average. Mr Crumpler explained the new assessment system.

September teaching arrangements – In Year 6, Mrs Simpson will continue two days a week and Mrs Shanks will teach the remaining three days. Mrs de Villiers will stay in Wren Class and Mrs Craft will teach Year 2 with Mrs Turvey teaching one afternoon a week to cover Mrs Craft's non-contact time.

New Headteacher – Miss Palmer will start in January 2017.

Sports Day – house system is working well. A prize will be given in assembly next week for the house with the greatest points.

Communication

A parent raised the issue of communication regarding a club that was believed by a teacher to be cancelled, but did take place. An older child walked home on their own but came back to school when they realised that no-one was home. A discussion took place about how to increase security; Mr Crumpler suggested a register system. A parent suggested that children are told they must go to clubs and if they are unable to, then to let the teacher of the club know. Clubline – a parent said the Clubline number was not known by Y1 parents; another parent said it is on the website and goes out on letters frequently. A whiteboard system was suggested. It was confirmed that we have a Twitter account and clubs are updated there.

ParentMail was discussed – Mr Crumpler stated that it is in the pipeline. The new system will encompass all letters being emailed to parents and more information will follow. Feedback was positive from those present.

Transition to Secondary School and Reception Class

This year's Y6 transition was discussed. There are sessions for those children that might not settle easily, however, numbers are limited. Mr Crumpler explained that Gillingham School's SENCO talks to Mrs Shanks (SENCO at Wyke) about children with Special Needs. Y7 children write individual letters to Y6 children about what to expect. Gillingham School staff visit the Y6 class. A maths transition unit is taught in Y6 and carries on in Y7. Mr Crumpler believes that the system in place is good.

A parent stated that the Welcome to Wyke sessions for children going into Reception Class is believed by parents to be a good system. A parent stated that other parents at her child's nursery parents feel it is a positive initiative. Tapestry learning journals will be introduced in Reception Class which was received positively by those present.

Other Matters

- Topic webs – Mr Crumpler asked whether parents are receiving these. Some classes are.
- Mr Crumpler asked if parents would like newsletters more often. All agreed that once a month is sufficient.
- It was agreed that the Parents' Forum will continue meeting once every half term.

Topics for discussion at next meeting

- None were set.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 18th October 2016, 2.30pm (please note new time)

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