

# Parents Forum Meeting

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 2.15pm

*Present:* Mr Crumpler, Trudy Hinton, Jules Bond, Helen Covell, Rebecca Thomlinson, Amy Woodhouse  
*Apologies:* Angela Burgess-Hughes, Sarah Nixon, Karen Penny, Tracey Phenix, Ali Purse

### Issues arising from previous meeting

*Bikeability* – Mr Crumpler is waiting for Bikeability to return his call.

*End of day arrangements for children in Y4 and above* – Mr Crumpler has talked this issue through at a staff meeting. It was agreed that children in Y4 and above should be allowed to leave the classroom at the end of the day on their own, without being matched to a parent. It was agreed that it is important to foster independence and Y4 is a good year to begin to do this. Some parents have stopped coming onto the playground by this point and wait for the children in their cars.

### SATs

Mr Crumpler said that there has been a lot of negative publicity in the press about SATs this year, and asked those present for their thoughts. A parent present said that Mrs Turvey has dealt with the Y2 SATS sensitively and that there has been no pressure on the Y2 children. He said that the staff work very hard to ensure that the children don't become stressed.

Mr Crumpler explained the new Y6 SATs, how much they have changed and how high the bar has been set, particularly in spelling and grammar. Results will be out at roughly the same time as in previous years. Mr Crumpler explained that as yet there is no information about where the pass mark is with the current sample tests. The staff believe that although the new Y6 tests are much harder, they are not as challenging for the 'old level 6' (more able) children as there is no longer a separate paper.

Other classes also sit tests and the results of these are used to back up teacher judgements. New tests have been done this year; although the children's scores are known, the national average has not yet been published.

### Staffing

Mr Crumpler stated that the school is recruiting for a Y6 part-time teacher to replace Mrs Craft. The advertisement for a Headteacher will be published after half term. Mrs Turvey will become Acting Headteacher for the Autumn Term, with Miss Murphy as Acting Deputy Headteacher. Mrs de Villiers will possibly teach Y2 for the Autumn Term. Mr Crumpler believes he is leaving school in a good place, in good hands.

### Other Matters

- This September's Reception intake is 27. Numbers have dipped in Gillingham as a whole this year.
- Sports Day arrangements will be similar to previous years. The house system is now in place, with a tally chart in the hall. Points earned on Sports Day will stand alone.
- There was positive feedback for gem jar treats.

### Topics for discussion at next meeting

- Transition (moving up classes, Y6 to secondary school)
- Communication to parents (reports, topic webs, etc.)

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 2.30pm (please note new time)**

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