

Parents' Forum Meeting

Tuesday 22nd November 2016, 2.30pm

Present: Mrs Turvey, Trudy Hinton, Leona Bowers, Helen Covell, Karen Penny, Tracey Phenix, Rebecca Thomlinson

Apologies: Jules Bond, Angela Burgess-Hughes, Sam Stone, Amy Woodhouse

Open meeting – no agenda set

School Development Plan

Mrs Turvey distributed an overview of the SDP. Needs to be shared with staff and governors and on website. Aims and Values not addressed yet as Miss Palmer will wish to do this herself.

Mrs Turvey talked through the staffing changes that have happened – SDP ties everyone together.

New curriculum – government took away all assessment and didn't replace it. Sch can come up with their own assessment.

Mrs Turvey explained the new assessment system and its limitations.

EYFS – Mrs Turvey explained Tapestry (online learning journal). Parents can access this from home to see what their child has been doing and are able to comment and upload their own observations. Letters and Sounds – Jolly Phonics now used, rather than Letterland. Research proves that action/song with piece of learning increases efficacy of learning. The letter songs are available on YouTube.

Classroom Structure – Mrs de Villiers has developed the classroom and has added a water wall and a mud kitchen as well as many other initiatives.

Maths

Continue to focus on Maths – cross-curricular

Non-negotiable Maths skills – all children must have a grip on these skills before they move to the next class. If they move to the next class without those skills, it holds them back.

Mastery – this has now been replaced by 'working at greater depth'. It means you really understand what you've learned and can apply it in different ways.

Talk for Maths – using actions for maths vocabulary

Marking & Feedback – extend learning, purple pen of power! Look back at their learning and have another go. A parent asked how they would know if there is a problem in their learning as this is in their classroom books – Mrs Turvey advised that serious problems are talked to parents about.

Literacy

Spelling – lots of schools have this as a priority as there is a new Spelling and Grammar test.

In year 1, 2, 3 and sometimes 4 they are mixed up for Phonics.

Computing & ICT

Mrs Turvey explained the difference between ICT and Computing.

In general the children take to Computing very easily.

ParentMail has been the biggest change in the way we communicate with parents. Positive feedback from parents.

Miscellaneous

Facebook – A parent asked if they are able to upload a photo of their own child in their school uniform on Facebook. Mrs Turvey confirmed that this is ok but parents must **not** include any other children. If there is any issue on Facebook, parents should come to school to discuss rather than on FB.

Clubs – in January, questionnaire to get opinions of other providers. Not much space in school – be aware. A parent asked if children are reminded of lunchtime clubs: Mrs Turvey said yes but will reinforce this with teachers.

Friends Committee – three parents have joined the committee, with more willing to help.

Christmas Performances – Wednesday 14th December at 2pm and 6pm. No tickets required.

Guy Fawkes – Wyke's guy won the £100 1st prize in the Round Table's competition for local schools.

Asda Green Token Scheme – Mrs Penny advised that Wyke are due to feature in this scheme in the New Year.

Traffic Light System – this is now in place in all classes.

Topics for discussion at next meeting

Clubs

Meeting ended 3.15pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21st February 2017, 2.30pm (please note revised time)

Parents' Forum Contacts:

Governor link	Helen Covell
Wren Class	Karen Penny
Robin Class	Vacancy
Owl Class	Sam Stone
Kingfisher Class	Rebecca Thomlinson
Woodpecker Class	Tracey Phenix
	Jules Bond
Falcon Class	Amy Woodhouse
	Leona Bowers
Heron Class	Angela Burgess-Hughes
	Trudy Hinton