

Parent Forum meeting 30th April 2018.

Minutes

Attendees:

Elizabeth Ingham – Governor

Karen Penny – Robin and Kingfisher Classes

Karen Palmer – Woodpecker Class

Tracey Phenix – Falcon Class

Apologies: Hannah Reed, Jules Bond and Becky Thomlinson

Mondays – not the best day for some people, could we alternate with another day/time? Presently Monday as that is best for the Governor.

Parents were under the impression that the Forum was more of an opportunity to talk to the Head rather than be an independent body. Could there be a member of staff available for some meetings? Concerns were raised that the Governor may not be well enough versed with what is happening in the school to be able to give an informed response.

One of the parents present had looked at the parent forum suggested by the Head last meeting and seen that the group seemed to be involved in agreeing policies and administration tasks. Is this a role envisaged for this group? It may be difficult to encourage other parents when group not really sure of their role.

In order to get more involvement from parents it was suggested that there could be a section on the newsletter, a couple of weeks before each meeting, for parents to write in any comments they wish to be aired at the meeting. A good date for asking for comments for the next meeting would be Friday 1st June or the following Friday. Feedback to the newsletter was very positive.

School open afternoon time replacing class assembly has been well received in principle, although there are a few concerns about it being chaotic if too well attended.

Parents feel that where big changes to the routine of the school e.g. the massage sessions, that they would like to be consulted earlier.

Behaviour has improved in Year 1 following the change of teacher. There are still some concerns over reward and punishment not being understood by the child. The peg system in Year 1 is popular. A parent asked if there was a method of recording punishments/rewards to ensure that in classes with more than one teacher there was consistent follow through.

Concerns were raised over lack of reading time in Year 1.

A diary system was suggested for each child as a means of dialogue between the class teacher and the parent.

The children have been asking if the dog is coming back.

Another parent mentioned that where there is more than one teacher in a class there does not seem to be consistency of when the teacher is there, which can make it difficult if you wanted to talk to a particular member of staff.

Meeting finished 3:15

Next Meeting: 2:30pm Monday 18th June