Parent Forum 8th February 2019 2pm-3.15pm

Minutes

Present: Miss S Rainbow (SR) Head of School, Mrs R McKeown SLT/Acorn 1 ,Liz Walker Chair / Governor, Sharan Watson Governor (minutes)

See parent representative list

Minutes from November 2018 – agreed correct, no outstanding actions

Positive role of Parent Forum – SR shared the positive role of the forum, opportunities to cascade what is going well and any future updates and encouraged individual solutions to be taken up with individual class teachers.

Feedback from Xmas play – praise given to how well these were delivered and really good experiences. It is hoped in the future KS1 may look at additional performances to enable more tickets to be available, but this has to be balanced with the large school numbers / performances (RMcK).

Further opportunities of performance/drama clubs etc across the school – currently there are some year group specific activities such as Young Voices , the lead teacher for Performing Arts is scoping other opportunities and has developed an information board for what activities are happening within the school.

Feedback from English evening – very positive evening, those that attended gained a lot of information and insight into different year groups, with a great range of activities in different classes. Plan to carry on developing these evenings for parents with possibility of this linking to curriculum subjects in the future (SR).

Advertising from sports / activities companies discussed – it was felt that it's better to offer a wider range of opportunities, as some may appeal to different children and are open to all abilities. Raising awareness of opportunities and possibilities is the aim.

PE Changing boys/girls – issue now resolved, any issues to be feedback to individual class teachers if needed.

Lunchtime – small cakes and squash continue to be available should children wish to purchase although if purchased, parents should be limiting to amount of cash given to their child, no more than 50p should be needed.

Route 2 Resilience – SR feedback that the school are utilising their chosen 12 words in numerous ways, this is a Leicestershire wide approach of sharing core values and will be ongoing. Half term holiday homework's have been created with this in mind, so often these will be linked to life skills and sharing the ethos and values of the school. The school has been developing its own onsite Forest School as well as creating opportunities at Hicks Lodge Forest school.

WASP News/Plans – exciting plans ahead for a new spring fair with a Circus theme throughout activities at school on Friday 7th June and main spring fair and circus events Saturday 8th June, tickets will go on sale in March. RMcK is including updates / promotion to the children on the ethos of the WASPS and their volunteering / commitment to raise funds for school equipment / activities.

School's 50th Celebration Year ahead – SR shared plans for a 50th anniversary celebration event on Saturday 7th September 2019Save the date!! All ideas and offers of support welcome for the theme of celebrating Willesley Primary reaching 50, incorporating school past, present and future aspirations. A new mosaic will be designed by the children and made to mark this event and achievement of 50 years.

AOB- positive feedback from year 6 trip to the Warning Zone, temple visit, school pantomime trips and excellent behaviour of children . Also positive feedback on the cross country training.

SR mentioned that the school will look at possibilities of being able to take more sports teams to events where possible and the school is working towards it Platinum sports awards aspiration in the future.

Parking concerns were shared by all the forum, discussions of how we can make this as safe as possible for our children, SR to look into whether painted footpaths is an option as well as all parents being vigilant and mindful of where they park, reduction of speed, general road safety etc..

The next meeting will be the last one for LW as Chair of the Parent Forum.

Date of next meeting 14th June 2pm-3pm