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Ashby Willesley Parents Forum Meeting Minutes Friday 6th March 2020 – 2.00-3.00pm

Parent Forum 25th October 2019 2pm-3.15pm

Minutes

Present: Ms C Dilks (CD) Head of School, Mrs R McKeown SLT/Acorn 1, Mrs A Wilder English Lead / Yr 6 (1st part of meeting), Sharan Watson Governor Link (minutes), V Hockey, N Stephens, M Miller, C Swanepoel, K Soulsby, R Thompson, L Lawton

Apologies: K Whitfield, C Smith, M Ellis, M Miller, L Brown

Minutes from October 2019 – agreed correct, outstanding **actions** CD/SW Terms of Reference to be updated now all agreed

Feedback to school for staff / events – CD shared the positive impact Willesley school has as a community for valuing our school and children, great example of this has been school staff, pupils, parents and community response to flooding in November, big thanks to WASPS also; Year 6 RSE evening really good feedback; World Book Day great enthusiasm for reading and positive experience. Positive role of the forum, along with acting as the parent voice and feeding back any discussion points to the Forum as a 2 way process, opportunities to cascade what is going well, also actions for Forum to take back to representative class's and any future updates and encouraged individual solutions to be taken up with individual class teachers. KS raised could parent events be considered for other days of the week as mostly seem to be on a Friday, **Action – CD to discuss**

Reading (AW English Lead) – AW shared her enthusiasm about success of World Book day yesterday and over £900 raised for the school funds ,AW had discussion with the Forum to scope ideas for encouraging all children to engage in reading at school and at home, focus on instilling reading skills for life and preparation for every child's future and wants to create "top tips" list to promote reading time / skills in partnership with parents **Action : Parent Forum members to ask their year groups for any top tips that they use to encourage reading at home, e.g. child reading to siblings/grandparents/pets. Forum members to email school through WEDUC for attention of AW any feedback.**

Technical / IT glitches – KS recent booking for Parents evening IT system due to open 5am on the Sunday but it appeared bookings opened on the Saturday **Action – CD to feedback to office.** Also maths /Rock Star updated users and lost children's accumulated points, children need to start again with new login details.

Mental Health for children and parents, ways to promote this in school – CD shared how mental health is valued and children being encouraged to talk about this, to talk about anxiety and depression and to encourage parents

also. Discussion to scope ideas, such as Evening workshops for parents, Young Minds, Pet Therapy dogs. **Action:** Forum to let CD know any thoughts or feedback on organisations to involve alongside school activities etc

Safe Sun Policy progress – CD/SW updated progress so far, working towards new policy for after Easter guiding on sun protection, sunhat protection to be promoted for children and parents to provide. WASPS support given to fund purchase of 60 sun hats with neck flap / protection to provide UV protection for those children whose parents may not be able to purchase a hat. Policy development ongoing (potential to include school also having hypoallergenic sun cream for children who do not bring any into school). **Action : WASPS to look into funding spare hats / cream / dispensers for each class / shaded areas outside. CD/SW to complete policy guidance.**

AOB:

- Earwig (CS) some parents asking about whether this is still being used to capture class / school activities. CD confirmed currently the main purpose of Earwig is for the school staff to be able to capture for school evidence of activity internally for assessments etc

- Update on nursery (CD) awaiting next Bat Survey, no other developments at present
- Flooding prevention update (CD) school and Mr Smart looking for volunteers for a small willing working party to help Mr Smart. **Action: CD will send a WEDUC announcement for any offers of help when liaised with Mr Smart about dates.**

Next meeting date Friday 12th June 2pm-3pm ? set date Autumn Late Sep / Oct? 2020