

Parents Forum Minutes

17/3/2017

(Red = Actions to be taken)

Present: Please see enclosed list of parents.

Apologies for absence from: M Brookes (Head) Nicola MacDonald (Alan attended instead) Sue Fenton, Claire Swanepoel, Louisa Day

Liz Walker (Chair / Governor), Rachel McKeown (Pastoral SLT) and Clare Timms (Staff Governor)

1. Review minutes of last meeting

- **Revision Guides:** Some information was distributed at Year 6 Parent Information Evening.
(But parents wondered if it would be possible to order these through Parent Pay?)
- **Rewards Tab:** Should be included in Behaviour Policy on the school web Site.
- **Year 2 Residential:** This is being investigated.
- **SJ /LC :**
(Parents asked if Strawberry Jam and Lemon Curd could be made available on-line to facilitate children's learning.)
- **Reading Records:**
Miss Rainbow had had a conversation with staff to try to ensure consistent use of these across the school.
- **Parent Mail:**
(Parents would like this to include consent forms, letters etc.)
- **Costumes**
Year groups are becoming more mindful of the problems mentioned and intend to plan ahead.

2. Parents Evening arrangements

Parents of Years 3 to 5 commented that they would prefer the children's books to be available to peruse while awaiting their appointment. Most were pleased to be permitted to take books home.

(Children's books to be available during Parents Evening?)

3.Mid-Term Reports

Mostly positive comments, although some parents said they caused unnecessary worry, which was rectified as soon as they saw the teacher.

Parents would like an extra box on the form to give further differentiation, with a printed scale to explain.

4.Earwig- feedback on photos

Most parents like/ love the photos; they give rise to conversations with children about activities at school.

Still some problems logging on.

Sound is often of poor quality on i-pad videos.

It was commented that sometimes children are tagged and do not appear in a photo or video. RM explained that this could occur if teachers tag something as a whole class activity.

5.Findings from alternative venues for Year 4 / 6 Residential

Sally Harris (Year 5 parent) has worked extremely hard, putting together some alternative ideas for Residential Trips. She explained these in some detail to the Parents Forum and brought plenty of information to the meeting.

To also share information with MB

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- **Clubs**

Parents commented that there are not as many lunch time or after school clubs as there used to be. It was suggested that possibly Year 6 or parents could lead clubs? Parents said sports clubs should be for everyone, not just the best athletes.

- **Home Work**

Some parents would like homework to tie in with work which children may be struggling with in class; it was suggested that some printed home work sheets are included at the beginning of

the year, or possibly on-line, so that teachers could tell children which work to do on a particular week.

RM explained that a Maths evening is being set up soon, where parents will be able to visit each class and see how methods are taught in school.

Next meeting : Friday 16th June at 2.00pm