

Parent Forum minutes 23.01.20

Attending: Mrs Pennington-Headteacher, Mrs Evans (minutes)

Number of parents in attendance: 13

Terms of Reference

Handed out to parents

1. Minutes and actions from last meeting

-MSe has looked into online tools for homework but they were coming up expensive. MSe will purchase MyMaths.

-SP has approached the local church re a community group to fund a defibrillator, but there has been no come-back from this as yet. SP said that we did not feel that the school could lead on this in the community at the moment due to SLT capacity, however we would be part of a community group if there was a collective will to set one up. SP clarified that we have a working defibrillator in the building. A parent suggested that there was one in Green Meadow Road at the shop and the community would think this was enough. A parent offered to check that it was working. SP suggested that we publicise the defibrillators through school.

Action: SP to ensure we publicise the local defibrillators in the newsletters and on noticeboards.

2. Feedback from parents re Homework policy

Homework policy has been created and uploaded to the school website. Parents are very positive and find that children enjoy doing homework more.

Parents felt that the communication is better between teachers and parents.

Feedback is positive especially in KS1

Parents are encouraged to continue to consult teachers if their child needs specific support/adaptation, however, overall the changes appear to be very positive for all groups of pupils.

3) Feedback from Parents re new Lunches

Parents are very positive about our lunchtime menus and numbers are up significantly.

Some parents feel that children don't know what their having for lunch.

Action- Possibly having a visual timetable menu in classrooms.

Action- Taster sessions for children who usually bring sandwiches to school.

Action: Find out why fruit is priced higher than toast?

Action: SP to meet with Kitchen Manager to feedback positive comments and discuss next steps.

4) Feedback from parents re new clubs

Chess club is up and running. Mrs McCarty is looking into a STEM & Quiz Club.

Parents happy with growing offer.

5) Pupil feedback on Autumn Term

SP gave some feedback regarding the pupil review of their favourite things from Autumn term. There was a wide variety with some trips and visits highlighted as well as Democracy Day and Xmas

Factor. Y6 noted that lessons had 'slowed down' so that they could really focus on tricky learning and have time to embed their new knowledge. Teachers are very surprised that they noted this and that they were enjoying the focus on 'deep' learning. Linking to this, SP gave some information regarding the work in school around the development of the curriculum and subject leaders as well as the focus on how we ensure our pupils know and remember more. She reminded parents that they can request to know more about any school topics through the Parent Forum.

Other Feedback

- The new school website is great and very useful.
- It should be the central hub for information, particularly when school is closed.
- Please keep uploading all letters onto the website.

AOB

A parent thanked Mrs Blaker for a weekly class Class dojo outlining the focus for the week.

A parent thanked Mr Keley for his tweet re. transition.

Action – SP to see if all teachers could send a summary of week ahead Dojo.

Action- DM to inform parents of parent meeting is for the Y2 residential.

Thanks to all parents in attendance.

Meeting Closed 3.20pm

Next meeting :Thursday 21st May 2020 at 9.00am-10.00am