

Parent Forum Notes – 28.1.19

Present: Mrs Blake, Mrs Woolley, Mr Jukes, Mrs Franklin (Yr1), Mrs Sharkey (Yr4), Mrs Batterham (FS2/3), Mr Dowding, Mrs Waite (Yr5)

Apologies: Miss Welsh, P Silcock, C Doherty, F Daw, D Hoban.

- Actions from previous meeting shared with parents.

Agenda

- General feedback regarding 'Seesaw'.
Positive feedback - some teachers use it more than others. Mr Jukes attended the meeting to answer questions. He confirmed the Journal is for each child and only the parents have access to view this. The Blog is for all to see and visible on the school website. Messages are direct to the teacher.
Parents found the photograph of, 'how to do bus stop method', from Miss Dawson very beneficial – this was sent home as part of a homework task.

Action – are we over burdening parents with requests? speak to staff.

- School uniform (girls wearing trousers). Most members of the parent forum agreed that skirts look smarter. AB shared her concerns about the range of girl's trousers available (legging/stretch type material) and that compared to boy's trousers they didn't look as smart. Parents raised the issue regarding gender equality.

Action - Speak with governors and seek guidance on this issue from the diocese.

- School end of year reports - (do these provide parents with the necessary information regarding their child?) Parents would like to know if their child is on target, if they are on target are they capable of more (effort)? It was also mentioned that parents would like to receive focussed targets during the Spring parent consultations. AB confirmed she had a duty towards staff regarding workload but would look in to this.

Action – Discuss with staff/research range of reporting to parent 'documents'.

- The start times of the Advent Celebrations (KS2) 5:30/6:30?
Feedback was mixed with some parents stating that the later time allowed more flexibility with regard to travel/collecting children and providing an evening meal. Some parents felt the earlier time would be better when attending with younger siblings.

Action – Share feedback with staff.

Other Items from Parent Forum

- 're the agenda item about Seesaw: at previous Parents Forum meetings it has been agreed that ParentMail will be the primary source of communication for important matters. But now we sometimes get news on Seesaw that isn't communicated on Parentmail, for example about special theme days for a year group, which has resulted in important information being missed by some parents.' (JW)

AB confirmed that Parentmail is still the primary source of communication – dates etc.

Action – To confirm with JW regarding the 'missed' message.

- 'On school disco days please can the children wear their own clothes all day? It's onerous having to prepare two lots of clothes (uniform and clothes for the disco) and I presume valuable teaching time is wasted while the children get changed.' (JW)

Parents in attendance felt this wasn't a concern and children should be encouraged to get their own clothing ready for the disco. AB stated that often on dress up days the children are often excitable and this can affect their behaviour within class, therefore it is better for the children to get ready in the afternoon.

- School uniform - why is it not stocked in a school uniform shop? (CD)

Action – Invite the uniform providers into to school (sports day – hall). Consider delivering items to school at least throughout the year.

- Super Sevens at Nottingham Forest has been suspended for this year. They are not sure if it will resume next year. Keep an eye on their website for more news. (CD)

-Milk - Some complaints that despite being signed up for milk their children are not receiving it as it has run out.

-Is there a possibility to have alternatives offered such as lactose free, soya etc – EF

BW confirmed that parents should contact 'Cool Milk' regarding alternatives to milk. However AB stated that any nut based 'milks' would not be allowed in school, inline with school policy. BW confirmed that milk is always available and that each class is given a register each week of the children who are signed up for 'Cool Milk'. In Foundation, children were able to access their milk independently on the snack table – potentially some children could have drank milk which was not allocated to them. BW confirmed that teachers in the Foundation unit will now hand out the milk to the children to drink in one sitting, to ensure only those children signed up will receive their milk.

-School dinners on select days. Is there any progress on offering school dinners for part of the week so the parent can use select days for their child to have it. I have been advised there are children this has been granted to. – EF

Action - AB confirmed that we would be meeting with Aspens to discuss this on Wednesday with a view to hopefully starting this from the summer term.

-Notice of events. Can the school give adequate notice for dates and times of events to allow working parents to make arrangements – EF

AB confirmed that a list of dates is given to parents via parentmail at the start of the academic year. Communication/dates are also sent via newsletters from Mrs Blake/year groups. Occasionally we may need to change or add dates throughout the year but we always aim to give as much notice as possible. Some parents suggested giving more details regarding events at the start of the year eg dress up day.

Action - Provide more details eg Mardis Gras - dressing up, on the newsletter at the start of the year.

Date of Next Meeting – 13.5.19 7pm.