

## Minutes of the Parent's Forum Meeting - 11 July 2018 1:45pm

In attendance

Year R - Mrs Elias and Mrs Ayres  
Year 1 - Mrs Turner and Ms Bagnell  
Year 2 - Mrs Stamouli  
Year 3 - Mrs Panzini and Mrs Gadd  
Year 4 - Mrs Chare  
Year 5 - Mrs Amos and Mrs Groome  
Year 6 - Mrs Cashmore

Mrs Higgins, Mrs Shorten and Mrs Hua

### **Agenda Items**

Mrs Higgins apologised last meeting in May was cancelled - thanked everyone for their support this year. Mrs Higgins asked reps if they were willing to move up with the class and to please let her know if they are unable to continue next year.

Mrs Higgins gave a summary of the term - Lots has happened:

- Talent show
- Bake Off
- Progress meetings for teachers
- Won district sports - used to be in a small schools group but were moved to 2 form entry schools group and still won. The selection of children was undertaken in PE lessons after Easter, which it was noted, went well as the children knew they were able to demonstrate their performance during PE lessons over a few weeks, which gave them more of a chance to prove themselves.
- Lots of school trips - Year 4 Sayers Croft, Year R Dapdune wharf, Year 1 Painshill Park, Singing picnic - Year 5, author visits, Assemblies 1,2,3 and FHC year 4.
- Mrs Higgins noted that all teachers were in place for September and everyone staying in the same class. There was a small amount of movement between the TAs however; most were staying in the same classes. Moving up morning last Thursday went well for all.

### **1. SATs results**

Came in this week:

- Year 6 SATs results - the school are really pleased - Maths up on last year - this has been a focus area - 93% at expected level with 36% achieving the higher level which means they are working at greater depth.
- Grammar slightly down on last year - 50% working at greater depth. Reading 89% - 57% working at greater depth.
- We were one of the schools moderated for writing this year (10% of school moderated every year) - the moderator was very impressed with quality of their writing - but writing standards are very difficult to achieve spelling has to be excellent and grammar very specific. 75% had combined reading, writing and maths with the national average of 65%.
- Well done to Mrs Hua for all her hard work.
- KS1 - slightly down on last year - next year writing will be a focus area for the whole school.
- Phonics check was higher than previous years with 90% achieving level and Year R assessment was same as last year.

Mrs Higgins said the school is very proud of the children and teacher's hard work. It has been a very good year and we are in a good position going forward.

## **2. Revised Home School Agreement**

This has been re-written and will be sent out to everyone in September. The school has tried to bring up to date. Goes out when children started in reception but now the school plan to refer to more throughout the school years and relaunched to all parents in September. It was commented that perhaps the point about social media was open to interpretation. Mrs Higgins noted the school has a separate document to sign about use of pictures etc. which should cover it.

## **3. GDPR update**

The school will send out new forms in September to cover what they want data for and how it is stored. Will be a new element to Parentmail - you will be able to fill in forms on line and send rather than having to print out and take to the office. This was noted as a positive enhancement.

GDPR - it was confirmed that the parent's forum reps can still send emails to their year groups - as they do not contain personal data.

## **4. Class reps for next year**

Thank you to Mrs Cashmore who is leaving with Year 6 - can everyone please let Mrs Higgins know if they do not wish to continue.

### **AOB**

**Year R** - Transition in to year 1 - Miss Bennett at meet the teacher will give more information about the transition.

Can siblings watch the Rocksteady concert? It was noted that this is not possible as this would be too disruptive. Can we have a parents evening in the summer term? It was noted that this does not work as the children are moving on soon afterwards. It was asked if it could be early in the school term. This does not make sense, as it would only be repeating the effort that goes into the reports. Mrs Higgins noted that of course people could make an appointment to go in at any time. Some people feel that for whole summer term you do not get to speak to teacher. Message is parents with concerns are welcome at any time and teachers do catch parents if there are any issues.

Parents noted that the school trips were good and the hard work by the staff is really appreciated.

More info needed for year R for info about house points etc. - to be covered in meet the teacher in September especially for people who did not have their place given until after the July introduction days.

**Year 4** - new family joined but no one knew about it. Can the class reps be told going forward please? This will depends if there are sensitive circumstances but otherwise will be added to newsletter.

**Year 2** - pen shop is now charging 5p for each item - Mrs Higgins to check. Transition went really well kids excited about a new classroom - Year 2 assembly performances were really excellent - well done to Mrs Scott.

It was noted that there should be more of an emphasis on healthy snacks as some children complain that their friends have biscuits, crisps etc. Someone noted that teachers giving out sweets? Mrs Higgins to check as she does not believe this is a usual occurrence, rather given as an occasional treat.

PSA fair were selling fizzy drinks - it was asked whether this should be the case? It was noted that it was down to parents to decide what their kids were drinking.

Lunch - options in KS2 - two meal choices and option 3 is a wrap or jacket potatoes. There is a possibility that the school will be able to move to lunches being chosen on line in future so parents can choose with their children.

**Year 5** - It was noted that if Bude trip is planned for September 2019 which Mrs Higgins confirmed it was, that feedback suggests that people would like the talk to be earlier so they know where children are going before they are asked to pay. The current year 5 were given the payment plan from Jan - could it be spread out from beginning of September? Mrs Higgins to check. It was noted that it would be useful to know what is on equipment list before we break up allow parents to keep for clothing like old trainers etc. Mrs Hua confirmed she will send round the list before we break up.

**Year 1** - thank you to team who have been amazing. Feedback was given that they have been great in the hot weather keeping the kids hydrated. Awards - more awards for effort not just achievement. It was noted that Head teacher's awards are often given for this. It was noted that in the reception area there is a folder that shows all head teachers awards and show they are not just given for success but also trying hard.

Sports day - it was asked whether we could have this anywhere else such as the rec where we could use facilities. Mrs Higgins to investigate other options. However, it was noted that it went really well - thank you

**Year 5** - Great feedback for team - kids have had a great year.