

Parent Forum Minutes  
Wednesday 12th December 2018

Present: Mrs Higgins, Ms Bryant, Mrs Flick, Mrs Turner, Mrs Stamouli, Mrs Panzini, Mrs Chare, Mrs Rees and Mrs Groome

Apologies: Mrs Skelton, Mrs Amos, Mrs Gadd and Ms Bagnall

Mrs Higgins opened the meeting with a welcome to our new Year R reps and a prayer.

Half term updates:

1. Confederation Partnership shared inset day took place on 29th October. The focus of the group is:
  - *professional development*
  - *peer review and challenge*
  - *sharing best practice*
  - *enhancing curriculum opportunities*

This session was focused on maths. More details about the confederation can be found at:

<http://www.godalmingconfed.org/>

2. Writing moderation for local primary schools took place last week with St James' and Green Oak and it was highly valuable and successful. Teachers were looking at children who were working at a greater depth. They will meet again to review progress of the same children.
3. Triads writing focus. Planning in groups of 3 and sharing what works well and how to improve.
4. St Edmund's Day and treat afternoon. All the teachers led activities and the feedback from the children was really positive.
5. Remembrance Service and learning on 100 years since the end of WW1. The children were deeply inspired.
6. Celebration Assembly for Year 2 on the current topics they were learning. Their French was fantastic!
7. Year 2 to Hampton Court, Fossil Man for Year 3 and 6, Chertsey Museum Seaside Workshop for Year 1. All great feedback.
8. Anti-bullying week was a huge success. Posters were made by each class and put up around school. NSPCC assemblies, workshops, odd sock day and the big workout raised over £1000. The school council planned activities and helped count the money raised.
9. Christmas preparations are well underway.
  - A carol has been recorded for Eagle Radio which we'll hear shortly, hopefully.
  - Katherine Bergin gave a great talk and shared lovely ideas for advent.
  - Carol singing under the Pepperpot was a huge success and well attended.
  - Choir singing at Holy Trinity Church in Guildford, half the choir were boys! Fantastic feedback on how professional the children were.
  - Tickets for Wintershall have been kindly donated for tonight a group of children and staff are going.
10. There will be Christmas Carols in the hall on the last day of term at 1pm. Parents will be served mince pies and mulled wine.
11. In January 'forms' on parentmail will be used for all clubs and responses. This will hopefully be easier for all parents and office staff. This won't include payments for the PSA but it's something to look into in the future.
12. Mrs Higgins has suggested the idea of an 'open classroom' session. Every half term parents would be invited to view work. Parents at the forum agreed this is a fantastic idea, after school on a Friday is a possibility. Note, this would only be to view work and not to discuss issues with the teacher.

AOB:

- A Year R parent has asked about the gender gap in SATs results and what is being done. With writing boys are generally not doing as well compared to the girls, but in maths and reading we are well above the national average and gap is not significant, only 1% in maths. We are monitoring this closely as across Years 3 and 4 as there are only 15 girls to 45 boys. We are in the top 20% of schools nationally for the most number of boys.

- Year 3 swimming will now be at Godalming Leisure Centre, we could no longer have a suitable time slot at Surrey Sports Park and had to find a new venue. The class will be split in half and the school will use a mini bus to shuttle the children to and from lessons.
- A parent has asked if we could change the PE jumper to a hooded jumper or fleece. It's felt that this would not be necessary at this time as the jumpers aren't worn enough to warrant the change.
- Feedback from Year 3 art has been very positive, particularly the poppies and woolly mammoths. The classroom looks fantastic too.
- We currently have no language teacher as Mrs Gregson has left last summer. No plans to replace at the moment. Mrs Upcott will be starting a Spanish class next year. Mrs Scott is teaching year 1 and 2 French, in other classes the teacher will do some languages as part of whole class teaching.

The next Parents Forum will be Wednesday 13th February at 2.15pm