

## PARENT FORUM MINUTES

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

#### Parent Representatives

Nursery	Vikki Dunn		Year Three	Angie Lees	Frazer Tabb
Reception			Year Four	Clare Webster	Louise Beddoe
Year One	Angie Lees	Claire Webster		Julie Tyler	
Year Two	Kim Green	Bev Frith	Year Five		
	Louise Beddoe	Kim Green	Year Six	Angie Lees	

- Homework:** Parents are still happy with the way Mathletics and Spellodrome are being used as homework tasks. Access is generally OK. The new game on Mathletics has gone down well with the children (especially the boys). The Homework Overview was shared (appendix to the Homework Policy) to show the homework expectations in each year group. It was suggested that this was sent to parents with the weekly newsletter (as well as it being accessible via the school website).
- Mastery Maths Teacher Research Group:** Lindsey Ashwell and Steph Gatfield have continued to work as part of the Mastery Maths Research Group. The teaching of Maths at the Coppice has been adapted to ensure our teaching is helping the children reach their full potential.
- Spelling Bee:** Spelling lists were sent home last week in preparation for the spelling tests next week. Year 2 parents asked about the words being added to Spellodrome. *(LA checked with Yr2 teachers and a selection of the words have been added already, but not all of them.)*  
We looked at the spelling list for Yr5 and Yr6 to see the kinds of words the children are expected to spell.
- Parking – safety of the children:** Parents agreed with the School that parking at and around the school has become a real problem. Parents viewed their concerns including:  
\*cars mounting pavements and making contact with pedestrians \*cars keeping their engines running creating lots of fumes (at children's level) \*Rudeness of parents towards pedestrians \*General congestion \*Unsafe to cross roads. LB has agreed on behalf of the parents to start a petition to push for better safety around the school (This will include: Second access to school via Forest Way / White Zig-Zag lines as opposed to yellow / Raised double kerbs)  
It was also suggested that a 'No drive' policy is put in place between key times so no cars can enter or leave the school. (Issues however arise from access being needed to Church, Hub etc, so movement could not really be restricted.)
- Care Club:** Their facilities will be moving - swapping rooms with our current Computing room. Access will still be from the side of school.
- Partnership Schools:** The Coppice continues to work with Beaconside, Holywell and Lickey Hills. A 'Faith Day' is being planned in conjunction with other multi faith schools. There are also plans for all Reception classes to have a Teddy Bears' Picnic in the Lickey Hills.  
PE links with the partnership schools have also been set up. So far we have had Tri Golf, Hockey, Football and Netball tournaments. More to come!

7. **Mrs Blundell:** She has now returned on a part time basis and is our SEND leader. Welcome back!
8. **Book Fair:** A reminder that the Book Fair is in school so spread the word!
9. **Internet Talk for Parents:** With children having so much access to online materials it was felt that an information evening on 'Online Safety' would be really good. (CIN approached us about delivering a free parental information session - LA to look at possible dates). PTA (CW) offered teas and coffees at the session.
10. **Sport Relief:** This is taking place in school this week and the children really seem to be enjoying their dance sessions.
11. **Reading:** The Parents were happy to give up some time to help register new books on our Accelerated Reading System. *(LA to sort a date with Mr McGarry for after Easter and send a request for any parent volunteers.)*
12. A.O.B.
  - a) **Menus:** Could the lunch menus be put on Parent Pay in plenty of time before the new half term starts *(LA to speak to Mat re this issue. Is it AIP that adds them to Parentpay?)*
  - b) **Hot dinners:** Could hot dinners be provided to Nursery children? *(This was discussed previously with SLT, but will be readdressed.)*
  - c) **Uniform:** Parents asked about the new uniform guidance and whether it could be changed for the first half term in September, as often the weather is nice and children could still wear summer dresses / shorts. *(To be discussed with SLT.)*
  - d) **Nursery:** The canopy outside Nursery was removed whilst the windows were replaced - *LA has spoken to Mr Mace and it will be replaced soon.* There is also a tap in the waiting area which has the top removed revealing a metal part - *LA has spoken to Mr Mace and he will cover this with foam.*
  - e) The positioning of the metal **Coppice Tree** outside the main entrance was also raised as a safety concern, as some of the 'branches' are at the children's eye level and have not all got protective ends on. *(RM to look.)*
  - f) **Rufus** - Is there anyway more of the children can have access to Rufus not just the children who are thrived. *(To be discussed with SLT and ES.)*

**Next date TBA**