

Minutes from Parent Forum

14/01/2020

1. **Welcome back and Happy New Year!**

Apologies from Louise Beddoe and Claire Webster.

In attendance: L Ashwell, A Neighbour, C Pickersgill, A Lees, K Green, V Dunn.

2. **PTA**

Huge thanks to the PTA for their contributions to buying new books. Also for their continuous hard work in raising money which is now being focused on revamping the quad area to turn it into a sensory garden (accessible from Thrive)

3. **Curriculum / Reading books**

We are well underway revamping and reorganising our curriculum. Staff are being given regular release from class to work on their subject and ensure planning and appropriate documents are available.

A lot of money has been spent on new books linked to new curriculum topics and the PTA have been stamping them and putting them on to Accelerated Reading. New class readers have also been purchased for certain year groups.

4. **Markingless feedback in English / Topics**

This has been running for a few months now in order to support teachers with work-life balance. Class teachers should have shared this information at Parents' evening. Feedback from the children on how they are finding this is something we need to explore.

5. **OFSTED Deep dives**

The new OFSTED framework means that 'Deep Dives' will be take place. These are where the inspectors have a bigger focus on a few areas but dig deep into the subject, interviewing subject leaders at length. Early reading will be a definite focus with the inspectors choosing several other areas to focus on. As part of our Curriculum reorganisation Subject leaders are preparing for this.

6. **REPORTS**

A discussion was had about slimming down the end of year reports to help staff with work life balance so that information could be reported to parents in a more succinct yet informative way. To be discussed further.

7. **Parking / traffic**

The school understands the frustrations from parents regarding the families that choose to ignore the requests of no parking on site. Cars tailgating others to get in the carpark is a real issue as they often drive at speed to get through the barrier, making it dangerous to use the crossing. With a better budget next year, we hope to employ someone to be at the barrier each morning to deter / confront parents who abuse this rule. Parents raised that parking outside school was quite bad again. Last year the presence of a traffic warden made a real difference and it was asked if this could happen again (although this was not something organised by the school.)

Since Mrs Wilman has retired there has not been anyone acting as crossing patrol. We understand that this position is being advertised and we should have a replaced soon.

8. **New Staff - NQTs**

We are lucky enough to have 5 NQT teachers this year. All are receiving a lot of support from other teachers and SLT to ensure they have a successful year. We have sadly said goodbye to Mr McGarry but wish him well with his new venture.

9. **AOB**

*AIP – some concerns raised about portions / cost of food in Nursery (paying same as Yr6 dinner). The choices at present are not as popular as were previously. AIP questionnaire to go out again in March.

*Some disappointment from parents over Nursery not having a Christmas performance. This was a decision made after a lot of discussion due to logistics around rehearsals, teaching time and hall timetables.

*Nursery children were not able to watch siblings perform. Something we will look at next year.

*Classes being let out on time – Class teachers will be reminded about this.

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