

Parents' forum agenda 21st November 2023 at 9.30am

<p>In attendance: Gemma Hiller, Vicki Marshall (school). Mike Smith (Y1 parent), Alison Smith (Y1), Liz Taylor (Y6 parent), Laura Dell (Y1/4 parent) Tara Walker (YR/ Y2 parent)</p> <p>Apologies:</p>		
Agenda item	Discussion points	Actions required and who
Matters arising	<p>Communication - meet the teacher - were they directed to the website to support communication?:</p> <p>Liz: As simple and clear as possible - one common format (timetable?) and then on class format - then repeated - no reschedule of Y2 mtg; R to Y1 is a real change - eg cracking times tables not until Spring -</p> <p>Mike: not whole year of info needed - possibly termly?</p> <p>More info on the website now which is good</p> <p>Liz: teachers explaining why they do things a certain way - eg reading books, how the curriculum works; how to do long division - eg section on the website (eg routes through calculations</p> <p>Office will be adding year group onto all comms to support families with more than one child at the school</p> <p>Homework - How is the new system going? Do they feel the balance is better / Y5 & Y6 getting more homework as suggested:</p> <p>Laura: getting it done - good that sentences are handwritten;</p> <p>Liz: homework that is relevant - maths books explain the method</p> <p>Alison: good level of homework - something to</p>	<p>Create a more simple format to send eg timetable then main messages which require more detail; smaller chunks over the year given instead</p> <p>Hold workshops for reading?</p>

	<p>do every evening - feels like enough</p> <p>Tara: having a book is good in Reception; more in Y2 which is a bit of a shock - lack of consistency in terms of books work/ activelearn</p> <p>Younger years clubs - snacks given at 3.15pm</p>	
Notification of AOB:		
Dolce - views about packed lunches	<p>Alison: got confused about special meals; people at the company are lovely - child said the meal was delicious;</p> <p>Laura - lots of emails about it - nice to not have to do anything for Y1 pupil - not booking ease for KS1; knowing you are looking into better provider fills me with so much confidence</p> <p>Liz - not paying for packed lunches but happy with the arrangements</p> <p>Tara: so far so good - happy with sausage roll</p> <p>GH explained why hot lunches haven't happened straight away</p>	
AR Home Connect - do the parents know about it?	<p>Liz: Told we would get access - not sure we have had logins</p> <p>Laura: Seen it but not done it</p> <p>AR not until AR</p>	
School photographer - feedback about new provider	<p>Tara: Comms with the company are poor</p> <p>Laura: Background not as good</p> <p>GH: asked them to come back to redo the staff. Asked for a different background and got a negative response</p> <p>Tend to buy digital and print their own. Better last year!</p> <p>Whole school photos and class not as good</p> <p>Mike: could do it all in house?</p>	Action: go back to Tempest next time.
Anti-bullying policy feedback	Postponed as not ratified yet.	
Extra week holiday in	GH explained how this would work: many reasons - secondary schools do it; lots of	

October	<p>absence; illnesses high at this time of year; recruitment incentives; long half term.</p> <p>No governors opposed it at recent meeting.</p> <p>Laura: childcare element could be tough for primary - ok for older children - would need provision on site to support this</p> <p>Liz - would love it - ties in with senior schools - break virus cycles - negatives - childcare provision</p> <p>Mike - fine from their perspective but understand the childcare issues</p> <p>Liz - putting all INSET days together- would this work? GH - no as we need to split the training across the year for staff</p>	
Breck foundation	<p>GH introduced the fact that parent survey said more parents wanted training on internet safety.</p> <p>Only 4 parents attended the Breck foundation workshop which was put on for this purpose; What could be the reason why people didn;t do this?</p> <p>Many parents missed the communication; ideas to help:</p> <p>Laura: a flyer in bags? Tell class reps to put on whats app groups; use the A board outside</p> <p>Multiple times needed</p>	
Thank yous for teacher	<p>Idea for having a box at the end of the year for children to add notes for staff - maybe at the end of the term.</p>	
Date of next meeting		