



Parent Forum Minutes

Thursday 19.12.19

Attendees: J Brewis, S Kelly, C Gittins,, N Mitchell-Charman, A Murrell, K Barrous, B Gavin, S Nabwami

Agenda Items

1. School's vision statement

Parents read through the vision statement – they agreed that they felt it was representative of the characteristics and outcomes they had identified in the previous meeting. They felt it was inclusive, embraced the diverse community of our school and were very supportive of the children being given the opportunities to make a change to the world.

An email response read:

I really liked this. Love 'change makers', very active and gives a sense of ownership to make a difference. Like how it talks about changing own lives, as well as those around us in the local community and globally!

Parents all spoke very highly of how their children speak about their learning at school, especially regarding their learning behaviours and their positive mind-sets. All are hopeful that the messages from the vision statement and curriculum would engage the children as successfully.

2. Class List app

Information has been passed to the class admins and letter sent to parents from the four classes taking part in the trial. Invitations to join the app will be sent on 14 February and admins were asked to post a welcome message and advertise any events taking place at school in the first instance.

3. The school's approach to bullying.

The latest policy and materials that are to be shared with parents and the school were discussed. Different methods of educating children about what constitutes bullying behaviour, preventative measures and how incidents are dealt with from the policy were discussed and agreed that this was a positive approach. A proposal to use our prefects to deal with playground disputes was raised, which was supported by all parents.

Parents raised concerns about how the views of some parents may influence a child's behaviour and would like the school to do some work on explaining how parents are the model for their child's behaviour and positive ways they could influence this. They would also like support on identifying the signs of a child being a victim of bullying or being the bully themselves. JB agreed with this and will add this to a programme of raising awareness for parents that is currently being devised.

All were supportive of using our children to deliver key messages.

4. Curriculum information sent to parents.

Parents like to be kept informed about the key learning for their children over the term but did feel that the current format was quite long and could be difficult to understand. A new proposed format was shared which was agreed to be easier to read, informative and more likely to be used by parents. All would be supportive of this format to be used in the future.

5. AOB

Sports day - Parents would like sports day to have winners in the races to build resilience, they agreed that effort should also be rewarded.

Club allocation – One parent was concerned that their child had missed out on an oversubscribed club after applying several times. We discussed how some clubs are very popular and that we try to ensure a fair allocation, another parent explained that her child had missed once, but had spoken with the office and ensured that she returned the slip immediately from the next half term and was allocated a place.

House points – We discussed how house points should be given for effort as well as achievement in all classes, so that all children feel their efforts from their individual starting point is celebrated. Whilst there will be a focus on the learning behaviour of the month, this is not the only cause for a house point award.

Sex and Relationship Education – The school will be following LBC guidance in delivering SRE. Further information will be shared with parents at a later date.

Actions

Classlist app to be trialled in identified classes – classrep parent admins
Prefects to be trained in problem solving on the playground – JB, Y6 team.
Programme of support for parents regarding bullying behaviour to be delivered - JB
Message regarding sports day passed to PE lead - JB

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6th May 2020, 2.00pm in the school meeting room.