

## Parents' Forum minutes - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Present: Staff; Ms T McBride (Head Teacher), Mrs J Tucker (Deputy Head), Mrs F Letts (Assistant Head), Mrs E Elliman (Assistant Head), Mrs M Gray (School Business Manager)

Governors: Mr P Clancy (Chair of Governors), Ms C Boville, Mr J Doneo, Mrs F Long, Mr E Asare-Bekoe, Mrs F Zakari-Ayankoya, Mrs A Mitchell, Mr R Cachuela

Parents: Mr A Wink, Mrs A Jackson, Mrs K Mordenti, Mrs G Clancy, Mr L Browne, Ms P Hannon, Ms M Cahill Staunton, Mr M Horinek, Mrs M Spendiff, Mr D Spendiff, Ms R Kolacz, Mrs N Cole, Mr Duah, Mr Eke, Ms C Ibie, Miss L Kunangani.

Welcome, introductions and prayer led by Paul Clancy.

Ms McBride showed slideshow of highlights from last school year.

Ms McBride shared information on school results from last year, school priorities for 15/16 and suggestions for how parents can support the school at home and in school (see Parents Forum 7/10/15 power-point presentation)

Behaviour for Learning - Mrs Letts explained that the Behaviour Policy was being looked at and will be updated to focus on the more positive side of behaviour. All the children know what the levels and sanctions mean so we now need to work on promoting positive behaviour for learning in the classroom. For this to be achieved, everyone needs to work together. Teachers and children have been asked 'What is good behaviour for learning in a classroom?' The school also needs to gather the views of parents. Mrs Letts then asked for each group on each table to discuss and write down what they thought was good behaviour for learning in a classroom. As expected no two lists were identical, and now that we had the views of the staff, children and parents we had a baseline to work from. The school has engaged the services of Hannah East (Herts for Learning) who would be coming into the school to work with us to put this new strategy together.

At this point there was a couple of questions from parents regarding children not knowing the criteria for getting Golden Leaves or Golden Crosses. Mrs Elliman explained that Golden Leaves were more about work completed. Ms McBride added that the school was looking at rewards and sanctions and how they could change. Ms McBride ended this part of the meeting by saying that this was a long term project for the school which would run over the next couple of years.

Feedback from parents – Ms McBride asked each group to discuss their view of our school, considering: What they would like to see more of? What could be done differently? Any new ideas? The views and suggestions put forward are in the Parents' Forum comments 7.10.15 document.

Meeting ended at 8.40pm.