

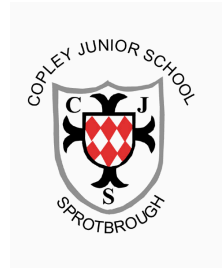


# Copley Junior School

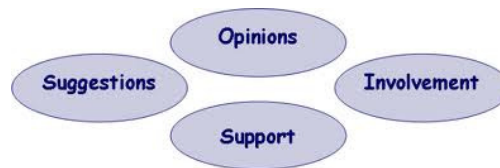
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## Parent Forum



### Parent Forum Minutes

10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 from 2.15-3.15pm

Present:

Mrs Ryder

Mrs Smith

Mrs Case

Mrs Jones

Mr Swales

Mrs Norton

Mrs Kirk

Apologies - Mrs Wales, Mrs Holdsworth

**AGENDA ITEM 1** - Parent Forum members were welcomed to the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 2** - Minutes of the previous meeting of 28.11.16 were discussed.

Matters arising:

- It was noted that the Parent Forum recommendation of parent/carer invitations to share a school lunch with their child/ren had been popular, with over 50 parents/relatives attending. Feedback had been



positive and parents/carers had been asked to provide brief written feedback.

- Discussion regarding the introduction of new termly reports. The letter accompanying the report reflected all the amendments suggested by the Parent Forum and there had been no queries. Further information about the reports had also been shared at the six parent Assessment presentations.
- A Parent Forum member commented that the issue of termly reports was in line with Ridgewood, which was helpful.
- Members of Parent Forum reflected on home learning provision and there was comment that many children enjoy learning online with Abacus online homework and Times Tables Rock Stars. Members asked if the school could develop this further to what is already in place by providing links to websites that provide learning activities, maths activities etc.
- The minutes of 28.11.16 were approved.
- **ACTION 1** - EC to share the written feedback from parents following school lunch visits on the website.
- **ACTION 2** - School to provide an annual invitation to parents/relatives to share a school lunch with their child.
- **ACTION 3** - School to investigate further online learning opportunities to enhance home learning provision.
- **ACTION 4** - EC to post minutes on the website and signpost parents to Parent Forum minutes and agendas via the weekly newsletter.

**AGENDA ITEM 3** - Discussion regarding new termly update reports to parents to provide more information about the year group expectations for reading, writing and maths, children's achievement within these and next steps.

Discussion regarding assessment procedures and sharing of information and school support materials with parents.

- Discussion that the six assessment parent presentations were well attended. A Parent Forum member commented that the overview of support materials available on the school website was helpful.
- Parent Forum suggested providing parents with more information about the school's approach to questioning, marking and how peer assessment is organised.
- **ACTION 5** - EC to post evaluations from the parent assessment workshops on the 'Parent View' page of the website and signpost parents to these via the weekly newsletter.
- **ACTION 6** - School to provide more information about questioning, marking and peer assessment in a future parent presentation.

**AGENDA ITEM 4** - Discussion of how school and parents can work together to promote enjoyment in reading.

- Many suggestions were discussed by Parent Forum members:
  - Some parents would like more information about how guided reading is organised
  - Recommended reading lists for Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6. Children in each year group currently could help to compile this
  - Inviting local authors into school. Mrs Kirk will forward details of an author to EC
  - To organise the 'extreme reading challenge' again over the Summer holiday as the children enjoyed doing this
  - To encourage children to write book reviews to recommend books to others
  - Suggestion of 'book of the month' in classes to promote children's interest in reading
  - Competitions to encourage engagement e.g. '500 Words' BBC competition
- **ACTION 7** - School to provide information about the school's approach to the teaching of reading and the delivery of guided reading.
- **ACTION 8** - School to provide recommended reading lists, with involvement of the pupils in the year group, with the aim of having this prepared for a Summer holiday reading list.
- **ACTION 9** - Mrs Kirk to provide author details to EC for consideration.
- **ACTION 10** - School to organise the 'extreme reading challenge' again over the Summer holiday.
- **ACTION 11** - School to provide opportunities for children to write and share book reviews.
- **ACTION 12** - School to consider themes, 'book of the month' ideas to encourage children to read a wider variety of authors and genres.
- **ACTION 13** - School to consider competitions to encourage participation and engagement; EC to research the '500 Words' BBC competition.

**AGENDA ITEM 5** - To set further Parent Forum meeting dates for the rest of the academic year

- Further dates arranged for Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15pm
- **ACTION 14** - School to share Parent Forum meeting dates on the website and newsletters.