

## Parents' Forum Minutes 17th October 2018

- Mr Hutchings welcomed the parents.
- Mr Hutchings reviewed the purpose of the meeting and why it meets.
- Mr Hutchings shared information about the school building works as a point of interest for parents to give them an idea of how the school spends its budget.
- Mrs Hutchings clarified the change in Non Pupil Days this year to take advantage of a bank holiday for both parents and staff. He explained how the staff were working extra staff meetings to cover the time of these days. A question was raised about how the dates were chosen. Mr Hutchings explained that there would always be 1 day at the beginning of term to cover safeguarding training for all staff and class preparation. He talked about the choice of having a Non Pupil Day at the end of September to train the staff in a new technique so that they could then offer this to their classes in the Autumn Term. He explained that there would always be a Thursday in May as the school is a polling station. He said that the Non Pupil Day in June was to support teachers with writing reports.
- Mr Hutchings then shared the schools results from this year and discussed progress and attainment. He talked about the current Year 3 children being tested next year on their multiplication tables via an online service and he asked that parents practice tables with their children at home.
- There was discussion on the lower entry data for children in EYFS. A question was raised about informing parents of the things they should help their child with to be school ready for September. Mr Hutchings said that the school does do this in July each year. This year there was a big push on getting children to use a knife and fork. One parent asked if the data took in to account summer born children. Mr Hutchings said that it did.
- Mr Hutchings asked parents to think about what they would like the school to focus on from April as part of the new School Development Plan. He did not want a response at the meeting, but asked parents to think about it and go on their WhatsApp groups to get a good idea of what people would like. He asked for submissions via letter or email and before the end of January 2019. He said that he would report back in February.
- There was then discussion of topics for next time. It was agreed that the following would happen:
  - Discussion on the SEND offer in the school
  - Discussion on EYFS entry
  - Discussion on the content of Year Ahead Meetings