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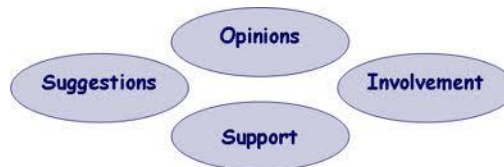
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Parent Forum



Parent Forum Minutes

Friday 2nd March 2018

2.15-3.15pm

Members:

Mrs Ryder

Mrs Smith

Mrs Knight

Mrs Case

Mrs Herczeg

Mrs Kirk

Mrs Norton

Mrs Harrison

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

AGENDA ITEM 2 - Review of the previous minutes of 7.12.17 and matters arising:

- It was noted that the science website page now shares science learning from across all year groups and provides a good overview of the science curriculum.



- As suggested by Parent Forum, updates about assessment e.g. use of new Cornerstones tests, were shared at the spring term parent assessment meetings.
- As suggested by Parent Forum, School has uploaded the PowerPoint presentations from the assessment and marking workshops on the school website as a reference for parents and examples of children's work and marking were shared and discussed at the workshops.
- Active travel has been developed with 'Walk to School' week and another active travel week will be promoted in June. LA Modeshift Stars contact will be working with Year 5 children on a number of initiatives - parking pledge for parents/carers; park and stride zones around the school; active travel information for children and parents etc.

ACTION 1 - Active Travel initiative to be shared with stakeholders via the website and newsletters.

ACTION 2 - The previous minutes of 7.12.17 were approved.

AGENDA ITEM 3 - Evaluation of the recent parent presentations and gaining parental views about our next planned parent workshops. Positive feedback was given following the five presentations offered. These have been posted on the 'Parent View' page of the website. Many parents/carers indicated on the evaluation form that they would appreciate information about how maths is taught. School is reviewing the calculation methods policy and the presentation will share updated documentation with parents/carers.

ACTION 3 - Parent Forum to discuss the content of the planned maths parent workshops further at the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - Promoting enjoyment in reading. The school's plans for World Book Day were discussed. Children had voted for the theme of the new book collection and had chosen 'Crime Fighters'. A collection of 72 new books on the theme, with suggestions from the children, had been purchased. School confirmed that the book review slips had been put inside the jackets for children to comment on the books they had read. A dress up theme, reading challenge, book swap, second hand book sale and writing competition had all been planned around World Book Day.

ACTION 4 - World Book Day activities to be shared via the school website and newsletter. School to review how many times the new book collection titles are read over a four week period to measure impact.

AGENDA ITEM 5 - Review of promoting enjoyment and engagement in P.E. and games. 'Active Week' has been planned with suggestions from the Parent Forum and Sports Council in mind - the children had wanted a military fitness experience and basketball sessions and were keen for extracurricular clubs for these activities, the Sports Council was organising an intra-school multi skills tournament where children

will develop their skills over a period of time and had planned a sponsored event to undertake laps of the playground, with funds raised to support the Eve Merton Trust and new sports equipment in school.

ACTION 5 - School to endeavour to provide the sports opportunities highlighted by the Sports Council's consultation.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - Review of how the school shares information about the work and involvement of governors, including the publication of the new termly governors' newsletter. The new termly governor newsletters were discussed. Members felt that these provided clear communication from governors, were in an accessible format and had been received well by parents/carers.

ACTION 6 - Governors to continue to publish a termly newsletter to share their work within school. Newsletter to be sent to all parents via the website newsletter system.

AGENDA ITEM 7 - Review of ParentPay system and communication systems. School had asked for feedback on the introduction of the online payment system ParentPay. Members confirmed that the transfer over to ParentPay had been straightforward. Members were asked if it would be helpful to have a help sheet for any aspects of its use.

ACTION 7 - School to provide information about Parent Pay in the Y3 transition pack and on the website, to post information on the website about how to set up payment alerts as some parents/carers would appreciate this.