

Parents' Forum Minutes

Thursday 28th February 2019, 2:15pm

Attendance

- 8 parents
- 1 governor (Tony Regan)

Agenda

- **Implementing Thrive Approach**
- **School Development Plan update**
- **Your School Needs You!**
- **School Events**

Thrive & Well-Being	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Thrive Approach was outlined (see PPT). Explained that this is a whole school approach.• Mrs Woolston has almost completed ten days practitioner training• Mrs Davies has completed two days Thrive leadership training• All staff completed training on 14th February• Next step is completing an action plan to ensure successful and consistent implementation• We plan to complete whole class assessments to create tailor-made PSHE lessons. Miss Valentine and Mrs Davies to trial this initially with year 5. Miss Valentine gave the example that an assessment may show up that a class are not confident to share and celebrate successes. Activities could then be planned for the class to work on this.• Some children may require additional 1:1 support to help to 'plug' gaps that they may have. Parental permission would be sought for this.• Thrive Approach video shared
School Development Plan (SDP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Behaviour Policy<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Policy has been rewritten taking into account feedback from children, parents, staff and governors (available on school website)➢ Traffic light phrases have been created and put up in classes to provide clarity for pupils• Lunch times<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ A pupil questionnaire is shortly to be carried out. It will ask children about the activities which they most enjoy and which activities they'd like to see.➢ We hope to provide activities such as reading, drawing and dressing up➢ A traffic light system is to be created with our Midday Assistant team to ensure consistency of behaviour management and clarity for pupils• New calculation policy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This will shortly be ready to share with parents. It will detail methods used for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. • Forest Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We hope to start whole school provision after Easter. Classes will take in turns to receive sessions from a qualified Forest Schools leader who will visit once a week. We plan to use some of the Sports Premium funding to finance this. • Leadership and Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Whole staff training in reflective practice planned for May. This will enable staff to identify strengths and areas for development so that staff can support each other and share best practice.
Your School Needs You!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are very keen to set up a 'Dedham Force' team who can help to keep the school and its grounds at its best. For example weeding, painting and caring for the allotment. • Discussion was positive and parents thought that this would be possible. A rota was suggested for weekends and/or afternoons. • A display will be put up at parents' evenings to try to encourage parents and family members to share their skills.
School events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We asked for feedback on reports, sports day and celebration & award events • No strong feelings shared about reports. General agreement that personal comments are appreciated rather than copy and pasted statements. • Last year's format was enjoyed where the whole school competed in the afternoon following a picnic lunch. Some parents suggested that this was preferred to being there all day. It is often easier to take a Friday afternoon off work. • Discussed celebration and award events. Points raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Good opportunity to experience winning/losing ➤ Award-giving always been handled very well in the past – no tears ➤ Miss Valentine shared that on the whole staff don't enjoy selecting just one or two children. ➤ Would be nice if it was an opportunity to celebrate the year: an opportunity to celebrate everyone's successes. Perhaps each class celebrated? ➤ There are lots of really motivational approaches throughout the year, e.g. postcards, headteacher's award which children respond well to
Any other questions or suggestions for future agenda items?	<p>The next Parent Forum will take place in the summer term (11th June). We will trial 7pm. Suggestion made to seek feedback on the best time for a meeting on the next parents' questionnaire.</p> <p>Request to invite back the 'Two Johns' for an e-safety talk. Mr Larner to look into this.</p>