

Thornhill Lees Infant and Nursery School



Parent Council - 8th November 2018

Present: Mrs Quinn, Dorothy Honiote, Alexondsima-Elena Mocanu, Noreen, Hajrah, Nargis (+3)

1. Welcome and Role of Parent Council

Mrs Quinn welcomed the parents to the first Parent Council meeting of this year and thanked them for coming along. Mrs Quinn then explained that the role of the Parent Council, is for parents and school to work together to ensure school continues to improve. This is a chance for parents to have their say about what they would like to see happening in school and find out about all the things that are happening in our school.

2. School website / App - communication with parents

Mrs Quinn asked whether the parents who attended had accessed our school website. Most parents had been on it. The parents welcomed the opportunity of looking at the website together at the next Parent Council meeting to know how to navigate their way around it. Mrs Quinn also told the parents that a new mobile app, linked to the school website, will be launched soon to keep parents up to date with the latest newsletters, class information and other general information.

3. New School Logo Competition

The parents knew about the new school logo competition that had been launched by the School Council. (Closing Date: 9th November 2018). Mrs Quinn explained that school wanted a more child friendly logo rather than the old school building. This logo will be rolled out over time and will initially appear on the school website, letters from school, and in and around the school.

4. SDP Priorities for 2018-19

The simplified School Development Priorities were shared with the parents. All seemed happy with the targets.

5. Parent Voice

The parents were given an opportunity to talk about their ideas linked to school. Most parents were quite quiet.

- Overall, the parents agreed that they were happy with how the school is run and that their children were happy and enjoying coming to school each day.
- They were pleased with the support their children's teachers and teaching assistants give them and their children.
- Parents feel confident to speak to class teachers / teaching assistants about any issues or concerns they may have.
- Parents also asked whether there could be afternoon workshops with their children.

6. AOB

None

Next Meeting: Thursday 10th January 2019 at 2.45pm