

Parents Forum

Present:

*Staff:* Mrs Whalley, Mrs Waterworth, Mrs Bate

*Governors:* Mrs Smith

*Parent Governors:* Mrs Rothwell, Mrs Smyth, Mrs Aspinall,

*Parents/carers:* Miss Anderton, Miss Briody, Mrs Grundy, Miss Davis

Overview of the meeting:

- Mrs Whalley welcomed everyone. Everybody introduced themselves.
- Mrs Whalley thanked everyone for their support for Christmas Fayre, we raised over £1000, and the event was a huge success.
- Reading books and reading records - Mrs Whalley talked about the changes to reading records. We would like children to start writing in their record books, teachers will put stickers in children's books with questions in specific to their year group objectives. Betty explained that this was happening, Betty listens to Year 5 children and said that she had seen the questions in their books. Writing records are for children who are not on the read write Inc literacy programme, so it won't change for Reception and Year 1, and some Year 2's as they are on the Read Write Inc programme.
- Dog Mess outside of school – Mrs Whalley explained that it had been brought up at governors meeting that there was a lot of dog mess outside the school. Mrs Whalley asked if parents would be willing to write a letter to the council to see if they can do something to help this problem. School and Eco council could also write a letter to them. Suggestions could be the spray on yellow stencils that are on the pavement or if they could come and give the area a clean. Mrs Smyth said that a parent had already rang to discuss the matter, but Mrs Smyth said parents could still will send a letter. Mrs Smyth will arrange letter and pass on the details to school.
- After School Clubs - parents asked for feedback. How is it going, is there enough variety? Miss Davis said there was a good selection, school do a good job with the clubs they provide. It can sometimes be an issue when parents have got siblings in 2 year groups and clubs aren't on the same night. It was discussed in the group about how we could solve this, parents agreed it would be difficult to suit everyone. Amy asked if the gardening club was available for her reception children. Mrs Waterworth explained due to the weather this wasn't running and is open to Y1-Y6 due to being on the front large playground. Extra spaces were allocated this year in all clubs to help increase first choice places. Parents said that children were really enjoying Zumba Club, they thought it was fun. Parents said it was good that all ages could do this

together. Lego club was popular in the past, perhaps school could run this again in the Spring or Summer Term. Parents were asked if they felt it was fair getting a first and second choice, they said they preferred it this way.

- School Jumpers – Mrs Whalley explained that the School Council had suggested they would like different coloured jumpers for Year 6 pupils. They felt that it would make them stand out as the senior children within school. It would also give them that sense of responsibility, and also aspire them to be a good role model. Parents were asked what their thoughts were. All parents said was a good idea. Questions were asked about making it compulsory, to ensure everyone is unified and matching. School would send out a questionnaire to the current Year 5 parents to ask for feedback. Mrs Waterworth would try to get some samples of different colours. Perhaps a royal blue or grey were suggested. Miss Davis said she was a little worried about schools trips and safety with children wearing different colours. Emma's suggested badges on the jumpers so they are all the same. Emma said she currently pays £7 from Leigh market for jumpers with the badge on. Mrs Whalley said it may be worth having them in school so parents can buy from us directly, this would help to ensure that all jumpers were the same colour.
- Mrs Waterworth said that school does have a spare clothes rack that parents can make a donation to if they would like to purchase any. They are clothes that have been donated and are in good condition. If parents would like to look at these they are in the chapel, Mrs Clarke would show them.
- Homework - Mrs Whalley asked how is it going, is it coming home regularly? Literacy numeracy should be out on a Monday to be in Friday's. Children should also read at least 3 times per week. Everyone said it was consistent across school.
- Easter Disco - Mrs Bate talked about having a disco at Easter for children, a KS1 and a separate KS2 disco. Ideas of perhaps paying £3 for a ticket. This would gain entrance, a hotdog and a drink. Parents thought this was a good idea.
- The Disco date was confirmed as Tuesday 22nd March KS1 would be 3.15-4.15 and then KS2 would be 4.30 - 5.30. KS1 can come in their party clothes all day so that parents with children in different key stages didn't need to change their children.
- It was agreed that school would hold an 'Own Clothes Day' to help raise funds to purchase items for the Easter disco. Children can wear something red on this day (to coincide with Valentines Colours). Parents can pay £1 per child or £1.50 per family. The date for this is the last Friday of the half term - Friday 12th February.

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- Mrs Grundy raised an issue she had during parent forum. Mrs Whalley explained that the focus of the parent forum was to discuss ways that the

school can move forward positively. Any specific issues should be discussed separately and parents can have as separate appointment where Mrs Whalley will be happy to discuss any worries they had. Mrs Whalley said the Parent Forum was not an elite group, and any parents are welcome to attend. We try to keep the group small to keep the focus.

- Summer Fayre – due to the success of the Christmas Fayre parents said they wanted a Summer Fayre. If parents could bring any contacts and suggestions they have to the next forum then we can get plans underway. The planned date for the Summer Fayre was Saturday 2nd July from 12pm – 3pm.

*Mrs Whalley thanked everyone for giving up their time and attending todays Forum.*

The next meeting will be arranged in the Summer Term