

Parent Forum – 09.10.18

Attendees: Kathryn (Deputy Head)
Clare (Learning Mentor)
Niki (Parent)
Lisa (Parent)
Gemma (Parent)
Helen (Parent)
Laura (Parent)
Rachel (Parent)
Lynne (Parent)

Welcome

KK welcomed all parents to the meeting.

Current situation

KK explained that school is awaiting the Ofsted inspection and remains a school that requires improvement.

On Monday, our School Improvement Partner – SIP, was in school to do lesson observations in the KS2 and our Associate School Improvement Advisor – ASIA did the same in KS1. Teachers were observed for 45 minutes and given feedback. The feedback was shared openly with all teachers to ensure key messages were heard by all. Assistant Head's have been involved in looking at maths & literacy books and learning displays in classrooms.

Vic continues with her weekly blog. Parents feedback include:

- It gives an insight into school that you don't see
- Makes her more personable
- Nice getting to know her
- Some parents have said it is 'too personal'

The recruitment process for the new Headteacher is ongoing. A number of potential applicants have toured the school this week with shortlisting and interviews taking place during week beginning 15th October.

Website

Staff have been working hard to update the website and this week, Governors have completed an evaluation of the school website. This has given us a clear picture of what information is missing.

The Safeguarding Policy has been updated. A safeguarding newsletter is being prepared and will be sent to parents soon.

KK displayed the website on the whiteboard and explained the changes that have been made. The curriculum overview has been well received and parental feedback is very positive.

School Trips

KK explained that in previous years, a limit of £10 has been placed on school trips. This ceiling has now been removed.

Teachers have been planning trips for the school year linked to the topics they are focussing on in class.

Parents expressed their disappointment that there are no trips planned for Year 1. KK explained that school do not timetable any trips for the first term of Year 1 due to the transition from Reception to their new classes. KK went on to explain that each year group have a focus: Reception – Christmas, Year 1 – Easter, Year 2 – Summer.

KK reported that the whole school are hoping to visit Astbury Lodge to sing carols to the residents. Year 3's are to make Christmas cards and decorations to be sent to the parishioners of Hope Farm Church and in the next few weeks the poppies that each child have painted will be on display around school.

Road Safety

Lisa Blundell spoke at length about her (and other parents) concern regarding parking/dropping off outside school on the singular yellow lines/zig zags. It was reported that during the recent school trips to the boat museum the coaches that transported the children parked on the zig zag lines outside school and caused a traffic hazard.

Lisa explained that there is a campaign called 'Slow down for Bobby' following the death of a young boy in Liverpool killed by a car outside his primary school. Mrs Blundell suggested a similar appeal be undertaken by children at Woodlands as she feels when Mr Richardson was in post, he spent time with children outside monitoring car parking.

KK informed parents that there are two Road Safety Officers in year 6 who could support Lisa with her campaign ideas. **ACTION:** KK to arrange a meeting with Lisa and the two Officers.

'Bucket list'

Helen Adams shared an idea she has for children to complete whilst attending Woodlands – '20 things to do at Primary School'.

Helen circulated a suggested list to include:

- Learn to play a musical instrument
- Get a mention in assembly
- Learn outdoors
- Do something to benefit the whole community
- Read a story to someone else
- Teach your grownups at a family learning session
- Visit a new place
- Participate in sports day
- Learn a phrase in a new language
- Work as a team to accomplish something
- Contribute to a display
- Be a kind and supportive friend
- Conduct a science experiment
- Welcome new visitors to the school
- Bring your wellies and have fun
- Help contribute to keeping the school safe, clean and respected
- Be proud of something

- Take part in an activity that you've never done before
- Help to teach part of the lesson to the class
- Take part in a competition

Helen offered to come into school to talk to the Pupil Parliament to get feedback from the children. Helen can attend a meeting in school on a Monday or Thursday afternoon. **ACTION:** KK to arrange.

Dates of future meetings: **Tuesday 4th December 2018 – 6.00pm**
 Tuesday 29th January 2018 – 6.00pm
 Thursday 7th March 2018 – 6.00pm
 Thursday 9th May 2018 – 6.00pm
 Tuesday 9th July 2018 – 6.00pm