

## **Parent Forum – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

### ***Present:***

Sharon Liversey – Deputy Head  
Clare Cotton – Learning Mentor  
Lucy Morris – Parent  
Niki Clegg – Parent  
Fliss Dodd – Parent  
Helen Adams – Parent  
Laura Bowers – Parent  
Adele Blamey – Parent

### ***Apologies:***

Lisa Blundell – Parent  
Kelli Hutton – Parent  
Lynn Chesters – Parent

### **Minutes of last meeting**

- Agreed by parents as a true record
- Roast dinners are back on the menu on Wednesday and Pizza on Friday
- Pictures do now match menu choices

### **Behaviour Policy**

- In September, Woodlands introduced 3 key words 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'. Displayed in all classrooms.
- Expectation for children that they are 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' at all times
- Still using 'Good to be Green' in classes. Tilts, yellow and red cards.
- Majority of children respond to current behaviour policy
- Children often discuss the names of children in the class who are constantly disruptive and disturbing children and parents are concerned with the impact of this behaviour on their children
- Behaviour Policy to be discussed at staff meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November
- Rewards including cubes in the jar, raffle tickets and house points is inconsistent across the school
- As a reward for filling the class jar with cubes, children are able to wear their own clothes for a day
- Parents feel some classes are filling their jars quicker than others and having more own clothes days than their siblings
- Some parents feel own clothes days highlight items of clothing that other children do not have. Children often want to wear their 'best' clothes, but parents raised concerns about own clothes getting 'dirty/ruined' by pens and paint
- Parents would prefer own clothes days for charity days or for winning house teams
- Feedback from parents is that dress up days can be expensive
- Some parents report that their children receive certificates for homework stuck in books, others state this doesn't happen in their child's book
- TA/S4YC told children that the whole class would be kept in and miss their break time due to the behaviour of 1 or 2 children. Parents feel that children would be punished unfairly if this happened
- Issuing of raffle tickets appears to be inconsistent. Some parents do not hear of raffle tickets being given out. One parent reported that when their child wins the prize it is received positively, however when they don't win, they find it difficult to accept
- Recently there has been lots of events that involved dressing up or donations for charity – Roald Dahl day, PJ day, Mental Health day, Sports, Rock stars etc. Parents feel there has been something every

week. Infant parents have not received any negative feedback but Junior parents feel the frequency is too much

- Suggestions made include having a 2 year cycle of events/charities to donate to, asking infants to donate cakes, juniors to donate money and specifically stipulating items to donate to school fairs ie. cakes, sweets, stationary and 'smellies'

#### **Any other business**

- Suggestion made for children to enjoy games such as using a giant skipping rope during playtimes
- Golden mile has been introduced. Parents feel this is a great opportunity for the children to exercise at the start of the day or after lunch
- Reading sheds – Juniors is open every day. Infants has not been open at all. SL to organise infants to be opened
- Year 2 parents feel that their children did not go on many trips whilst in year 1. Now they are in year 2 there doesn't appear to be as many trips. SL confirmed that year 2's will be going to Quarry Bank Mill, Meet the Characters and Astbury Lodge

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – 6-7pm