

Parent Forum – 11th February 2020

Present:

Sharon Liversey – Deputy Head
Clare Cotton – Learning Mentor
Lucy Morris – Parent
Niki Clegg – Parent
Helen Adams – Parent
Kelli Hutton – Parent
Rachel Simkins – Parent

Behaviour Policy

- SL informed parents that the current behaviour policy was reviewed recently. During a staff meeting Teachers and TA's were asked for their views on what is currently working well and what staff like/dislike about the policy.
- SL shared the 'Behaviour for Learning' presentation. Messages include:
 - Adults believing in children's behaviour
 - Not undervaluing the use of signals
 - Behaviour is driven by memories
 - Mimic the behaviour you want to see – 'smile'
 - Be consistent
- Suggestions for the new policy to include:
 - 'Best seat in the house' during assemblies
 - 1st attention boards across school that children's names are displayed on. May have weekly theme ie. walking sensibly.
 - Garlands – 5 issued per class. 5 children receive on Monday and pass onto children during the week
 - Wristbands sent home with a message for parents to see
 - Postcards home with positive message from school
- A discussion took place about children who display negative behaviour. SL shared that behaviour will be dealt with in a number of ways:
 - Working at child level
 - Getting down to eye level and de-escalating
 - Praising in public and redirecting/refocussing in private
- Parents like that children are placed in houses but it is not consistent in KS1.
- Dojo points will now feed into the house points system
- There will be no more rewards of class own clothes day. Own clothes days will only happen when there are theme days or charity events across the year.

Reading Diaries

- Signing/acknowledgement of reading diaries is inconsistent across KS1 and KS2.
- Parents do not like children being set homework over the holidays but did like the 'bucket list' homework that was issued last summer.
- Year 5 parents like the homework that has been given out to be completed over the half term break as children were issued with a list and were able to choose 2 tasks to complete that interest them.

Any other business

- Reception parents shared that children do not appear to have used their PE kits (indoor and outdoor) this academic year and their children have now outgrown them. SL agreed to check on usage of PE kits in Reception.
- Parent shared that a child in KS1 had a lunch time snack (chocolate/peanut butter) removed from their lunch box by a Midday Assistant due to it being unhealthy. The parent felt that this was inappropriate given that chocolate puddings are included in the hot dinner choice and children are able to pay for a bacon sandwich for their snack.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th May 2020 – 6-7pm