

## **Parent Forum - 27.11.24**

### ***Present:***

Fliss Dodd  
Jenny Edge  
Fiona Walkington  
Sharon Liversey - Deputy Head  
Clare Cotton - Learning Mentor Inclusion

### ***Apologies:***

Niki Clegg  
Amelia Shaw  
Zoe Owens

## **Notes of Meeting**

### ***Newsletter***

Parents feel the newsletter is too long and full of adverts. Would like adverts be sent as a separate email.

Not all parents read the newsletter and mainly rely on information circulated on class WhatsApp group chats. Parents who read the newsletter generally remind others about key information.

Suggested Seesaw could be used to share updates on what year groups are covering that week. That would reduce the volume of the newsletter.

Attendance figures have to be shared with parents so this information will continue to be included on the newsletter.

Some parents would welcome an achievements page on the newsletter detailing pupils who have received certificates that week.

Happy to receive key date information and would like weekly lunch menu for the week to continue to be included.

### **Seesaw/Tapestry**

Parents shared content uploaded on Seesaw is inconsistent. Parents get a lot of information from Year 3 and 4 but nothing from Year 1. If parents have siblings in other year groups it is noticeable if one year group is uploading more than others.

Year 1 parents have noticed a lack of posts as they have been used to using Tapestry in EYFS.

Recently there was a memo on Seesaw about PE days changing. This was followed by a parental email that said something different to Seesaw which led to confusion.

Due to school no longer posting information on Twitter, some parents have removed their twitter accounts.

Parents are grateful for any platform that feature their children/work they have done and it is a good conversation starter at home.

### **PE/Sports club**

Parents asked if they can be informed of their child's PE day prior to the summer holiday. Mrs Liversey has spoken to our PE lead who will look at the timetable and try and let parents know before the end of term. This would obviously be subject to change.

Parents asked if after school sports clubs could be arranged to take place on the year group PE day so children are already dressed for PE and the club. This would save children having to bring their PE kit to school – Mrs Liversey shared that this would be tricky to manage given the nature of the clubs

Parents agreed that it is hard to please everyone with plans and timings of our annual sports days.

## **Playground and external maintenance**

Parents shared that there is a lot of congestion outside 3LB's external door at the beginning and end of the school day due to the volume of parents/children walking to and from the rear classrooms. It was suggested that the green fencing be moved back to allow for more space. This is not an option due to the large cost to move the fencing back. Perhaps a moveable barrier could be used to direct parents along the path that runs along the field.

Parents have noticed a lot of rubbish on the playground before and after school. Parents are willing to support and help to clear any rubbish. Mrs Liversey shared that school does have a supply of litter pickers that children like to use to help keep the playground tidy.

Site Maintenance Officers are working/trying to keep on top of the surface drains in the infant/junior playground. They constantly need unblocking.

The infant football area (fenced) is due to be replaced and the wood has arrived at school for the job to be completed.

Mrs Liversey reassured parents that the tree trunks that are balanced on each other in the infant ground are safe and have been placed strategically by the tree surgeons. Encourage parents not to let their children climb on them.

A parent suggested that both playgrounds need jet washing. This is not necessary.

## **AOB**

### ***Attendance letters***

Letters sent to parents are statutory and school need to continue sending them despite parents expressing they are unhappy receiving them. Parents asked if the letter can be emailed. Confirmed the letter has to be a physical hard copy letter sent to parents.

Mrs Liversey talked about how school have to constantly monitor attendance and look for patterns of absence. Parents would appreciate a flow chart/bullet points of the process of monitoring attendance.

### ***PTA events***

Parents asked if the PTA are able to send out the list of pre-planned events for the year at the beginning of the academic year to give parents plenty of notice. Parents feel this would allow for more parents to volunteer at events. Parents asked if there will be a Christmas Fair. No Christmas fair this year.

### ***Playground transition***

Parents asked if there is a possibility for Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 to use different playgrounds as parents feel it is a 'bit of a shock to the system' when Year 2 children move to the juniors and this can cause anxiety for younger children. Parents feel this would help with transition if they could get to know the older children and gradually feed through. Mrs Liversey said this could be looked at in September.

Mrs Liversey talked about our new Year 5/6 Junior Joes who have recently started leading play during lunch times and this will hopefully help with more structured activities on the playground.

### ***Punctuality***

Parents shared that classroom doors open at different times in the Juniors. Some teachers are more punctual than others. Mrs Liversey will reiterate to staff that all doors need to be open at 8.45am as this then allows for a soft start.

### ***Phonics***

Parents asked for more communication when children come off phonics. Some parents are unsure what happens next. Mrs Liversey confirmed that children become 'free readers'. Mrs Liversey will ask Mrs Williams to put some ideas on the website as to how parents can support children at this stage.

Parents appreciate Mrs Dutton putting a list of books aimed at years 3 and 4 on Seesaw.

Date of next meeting – TBC – Open invite to all parents open up to all parents.

Suggestion –Biscuits/tea/coffee to be available at future meetings.