

## **Parents' Forum Minutes 7.11.18**

**Attended: P Gregson( Year 5, Rec) , S McMillan (Year 2, Year 4) , D Parkes ( Year 6) , H Smith (Year 2, Rec)**

**A Jones ( Assistant Headteacher KS1)**

### **Food**

New menu choices have been successful this past term. Children are happy with the selections and parents have found choices easy to make with children. Thanks to our new catering manager Mrs Hutchinson and her catering team.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Grammar sheets to parents suggested by parents' forum were successful- thanks to Mrs Hilton for producing these. Parents' evenings flowed well, no waiting around. Pam Gregson said that it was great to have both teachers together (there is a job share) as it gave a rounded view from both teachers for their child – thanks to both members of staff for attending and Sally agreed that this had been really useful for her as well in previous year.

Heather suggested can parents request the books if you want for this first meeting? Most members of forum are happy that we don't have books out as this is a settling in meeting.

### **Theme week**

World War I theme week is a really popular idea from the parents, they feel that this is an important theme to cover. Remembrance display at the front of school to celebrate the theme week.

### **Anti-bullying**

Our anti-bullying policy is up for renewal this month. Feedback from parents re the inclusion of peer on peer bullying is important.

### **Communication**

Parents' forum would really like KS2 staff to reconsider the use of class dojo as this has been an invaluable tool. This must surely be better for staff rather than having to send out personal emails for parents to contact on. They have asked why this has been made an option rather than compulsory through school?

Pam asked if we could have a good old fashioned board that is put outside with messages on for parents to see.

### **Maths G&T**

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Sharpe have been working with the East Midlands Maths Hub to develop our fluency and reasoning in maths mastery. Extending provision for G&T pupils is a focus for this year.

Times tables rock star has been going down a storm with parents. Pupils have absolutely loved this as a tool for doing it! We have been practising in class, which has really helped with fluency.

Are we having certificates handed out in assembly for this?

#### **Any other business**

Sally asked could the fundraising from Grace going up to Snowdon go onto one of the newsletters or could an email go out from school to raise awareness of the massive contribution she has made.

**FOMPS-** Louisa Wildman and Alice Rose have taken on chair and treasurer of FOMPS. The Christmas fair is going to be on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Heather asked if we will be having a Santa's grotto? Sally has confirmed that this will be going ahead.

#### **Hoodies for PE**

Pam explained that pupils in Year 4 have asked is there any way that pupils could have hoodies with the school logo for PE, so that if we go out for sports events the children could just wear their hoodies?

#### **Wrapping paper-**

Pam asked if we perhaps could ask the children to make their own wrapping paper with brown paper and paint so that they can be recycled? Mrs Jones has suggested that we add this as an option for REAL TIME next week or for the KS2 Xmas activity day?

#### **Recycling**

How is school working towards reducing their use of plastics?

#### **Update for the website of Parents' Forum members**

Mrs Jones has asked if all members of the forum could please update their photo and profile for the school website? If you would be able to send me a photo and a brief description of yourself and why you have joined forum and email it to school or Mrs Jones I will make sure that Mrs Powell updates the parents' forum section of the website for us. Please send these by the end of this half term.

**New Parents' Forum meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at  
9.05am**