

Parent Forum 2017



Minutes of Spring Term 1 Meeting

Monday 16th January 2017

5.30pm

Members Present: Robert Davies, Libby Mathias, Diane Bufton, Marisa Miles, Colin Ganfield, Tim McDermott, Vicky Bevan
Mrs Phillips - Acting Headteacher

Apologies- Miss Newell

1. Welcome

Mrs Phillips welcomed all and extended her thanks for volunteering for the Parent Forum. As there were some new faces attending Mrs Phillips explained that this forum was a place for parents to have a voice, share ideas and opinions.

2. Handbook

Mrs Phillips asked all parents to read through the forum handbook and outlined what the forum was for and what it was not. It was discussed the importance of it being a positive tool to work with the school and take it forward. (Copies available on the website in the parent forum section.)

3. Forum Mission Statement

All parents agreed that the mission statement remain the same

“Success through parental engagement and involvement”

4. Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were read and agreed as a true record of that meeting.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes

The forum discussed the termly homework projects and agreed that this is a good way to encourage and engage with their child/ren.

Matters brought forward from the representatives and the school.

- Class 1 turnover of reading books.

Mrs Phillips advised that she had discussed this concern with staff already in Class 1 and that Mrs Phillips would evaluate the progress of all children in Class 1.

Mrs Phillips also reminded parents that we must all remember that children must be able to fully understand their books and demonstrate this by having the ability to describe the story in their own words after reading before they are moved on. It is not a race to work through the levels.

Mrs Phillips also explained that there is a need to update the Biff and Kipper Oxford reading Tree set of books as they do not follow the way the school teaches the phonics now. The new set of books would come with a cost of around £800-£1000 so will be looked at for next financial year.

- **Playtime supervision**

Children coming home with dirty clothes and rough play.

Mrs Phillips advised that it had already been decided that there will now be 2 members of staff present on break time duty.

In relation to dirty clothes - the bark is wet due to the weather. The children do not use the field at this time of year (unless the weather allows).

A general tidy up at the start of Spring with fresh bark being laid or bark being turned should resolve this issue.

Mrs Phillips did however ask parents to remember that they are children and will at times come home dirty from their learning, experimenting and play. The school will do its best to try and ensure this is monitored.

- **PE and wet welly Wednesday not taking place.**

Mrs Phillips acknowledged concerns and advised that a change in planning will resolve this issue. She did ask parents to understand that there still will be times where services, concerts, visitors and trips would affect pre-arranged timetables.

- **Uniform- looking untidy again with lots of coloured trainers and leggings.**

Mrs Phillips felt that uniform was better at the moment and was surprised parents felt like this however she did explain it was closely monitored by staff and individuals reminded of the expectations.

The subject of hoodies and fleeces were raised by parent representatives and Mrs Phillips explained that she had not received many forms back with parent's views however, what she had received were a complete mix of opinion.

In response to a parent sharing a dislike to the fleece jackets Mrs Phillips explained that in her son's school they are purely for outdoor wear, to be worn over a sweatshirt or cardigan outside and pupils are not allowed to wear them inside. The forum discussed possibilities for phasing out certain items of uniform over time but that all parents would have to be consulted on this in the future as the school was happy that uniform was generally adhered to at present.

Tesco had contacted the school to advertise its uniform range now with school embroidered logos available. Mrs Phillips is awaiting samples for parents to see. Ordering through Tesco would provide the school with 5% cash back on each order and the parents would receive Club Card Points for their purchase.

6. Contact details

Parents discussed how the other parents would share any issue with them to bring to Forum Meetings. All parents agreed they were happy to share their email addresses/Mobile Numbers with parents.

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7. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting Wednesday 8th March 5:30pm

It was agreed that there should be a shutdown date for any items to be added to the agenda of the following meetings to ensure that the forum meetings didn't become too long.

Agenda for this meeting closes Monday 6th March.

Mrs Phillips thanked all for attending and with no other business the meeting was closed at 7pm.