

Parent Forum Agenda

Tuesday 30th November 2018 – 8am

1. **Apologies:** Sue Russell & Wendy Grimsby.
2. **Points arising from last meeting**
 - **Online payment system** – Waiting to see if any payment system will be compatible with existing computer systems; hopefully will be online before half-term. *Parent pay should be up and running by Christmas.*
 - **French** - School is now looking to introduce German as a foreign language – any update? *Class 3 and Class 4 have started – we are seeking a German teacher. Currently Mrs Frearson is the most fluent teacher and is teaching Class 4.*
 - **Noticeboard** – the new board is now up. What is it going to be used for? *Feedback from Parent Forum and a weekly display from pupils – e.g. best presentation*
 - **After school clubs** – Any update? *Different options are being pursued with outside providers, however costs are proving high and our location is limiting. We are also in discussion with other local primary schools.*
 - **Emailing forms** – Can we email copies of slips/forms instead of having sheets of paper in school bags? Any update? *It was trialled last week and the system is being refined. It will be linked to the online payment system.*
 - **PTFA funds** – how are they spent, input into what the money is being raised for? *The PTFA will be asked to re-issue that letter and to ask more people to become involved in the PTFA and put forward any ideas they have for fundraising and how funds may be spent. Action: Mr Dixon-Gough to discuss with PTFA.*
 - **Homework** – various comments received about homework. *A questionnaire will come out shortly asking parents for anonymous feedback about current homework levels with a view to decide how to move forward with a homework timetable. In progress for the future.*
3. **Agenda Points**
 - **Parent Forum Rep** – Welcome to Elizabeth Bennett who will be representing Reception.
 - **Supply teachers** - is it now school policy to use them? (1 parent – year 5). *Usually, Mrs Holt or Mrs Rowberry covers, however, we recently used a year 6 specialist.*
 - **Race for life** – could school support this? <https://raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/schools> (1 parent – yr 3). *Yes, Mr Thompson has signed us up.*
 - **Timings of the Christmas production?** Late performance followed by an early performance the following day, what was wrong with the 5.30 and 2.00 as per previous years? (1 parent – year 2) *We will discuss whether the timings can be reviewed.*
 - **WW1** - Lovely displays from the children. Well done to all involved it looks great and was lovely that the children got chance to remember. (1 parent – year 2). *Thank you for the feedback.*
 - **Bars** - children saying they're not allowed to do a lot on the bars anymore? Is this H & S/reception children copying? If they aren't able to use them properly is there any point having them? (1 parent – year 2). *Children are not allowed to hang upside down or sit on the bars and swing backwards.*
 - **Traffic/speed lights** – these were flashing during half term (1 parent – year 1). *Highways have been contacted. The lights should not be flashing during half term since it dilutes the effectiveness of the lights.*

- **Open Classroom** - will there be one this term? (1 parent – year 1) *It will be looked into for this term.*
- **Concerns over safety/security at the end of the day** - with no staff member standing on the gate or out on the road, potential for someone to snatch a child and potential for a child to leave ahead of parent and run on to road. *Once a child is with their parent, it is the duty of the parent. However, it will be reviewed.*

4. AOB

Reading books for stage 2 and above – can they be updated? In general, they are not very inspiring. *We will review the schools' resources and consider it.*

PE and sport – are they doing enough? *Sport in school is important and we aim to provide the appropriate level activity that the curriculum allows.*

Lunch - portion size, variety, quality... *Could older children have larger portions? We are meeting Class Catering shortly to discuss school lunches.*

5. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 5th 8am.