

Parent Forum Minutes – 7th March 2016

Apologies - Phillipa Lewis, Maureen Smith, Lesley Kemp, Michelle Wilson, Helena Edwards, Jo Delooze, Linda Ainsworth.

Present – Paula Brophy, Michelle Mageer, Samantha Currie, Fiona Keefe, Claire Boland, Sally Gillbanks, Helen Tamborro, Pat Speed, Kari Kvamme, Lucia Thacker, Carolyn Solkin. (Welcome to new members).

Secondment – Pat Speed is spending one term at a Liverpool School and returning in September 2016. Pat will still regularly meet up with SLT and remain Head Teacher. Building works will progress as planned and Pat will still be available off site for consultation around this. If Ofsted arrive in school Pat will immediately return. Senior Leadership Team will stand up with support from Ms Miller and Mrs Wallace.

PTA/Parent Forum – There was a suggestion that the 2 bodies merge. It was explained that the 2 organisations in school are very different although objectives occasionally overlap. Parent Teacher Association is a registered charity that primarily raises funds for the school. Parent Forum is a platform for communication/suggestions/feedback on school procedures, services and new initiatives. PTA are holding their AGM meeting in the near future to discuss the way forward, new ideas and committee members.

Building Works update – Phase 2 will commence 4th April 16. The contract has been awarded to Lockwood Constructions. It will include year 3 and 4 classrooms and small and large hall. External works will be completed first.

Nursery summer uniforms – will be decided soon. Tesco uniform services are still being looked into.

Unofficial Facebook Page – is not regulated by school. (Chris Lezmore, from our school office, has commented at times with correct, official information. Parents commented how useful her input has been). It has been set up as an information share site only and should NOT be used as a means to berate staff or procedures at school. Parents/carers are always welcome in school to meet with any of our Senior Leadership team, teachers or Parent Support Adviser to discuss personal issues.

Parent Workshops – these have been very well received in school. A suggestion of a phonic one for nursery parents was suggested.

Solar panels – These are still in the process of arranging a date for installation.

Reading books – parents have found some of the books sent home are too long and too dull. This has not left anytime to read any of their own books. Parents/carers were told to discuss individual cases with their class teacher to work out a compromise. Keep the book for longer and see what others are on offer.

SAT's year2/year6 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-2016-sample-materials>

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/507259/Informationforparents_2016nationalcurriculumtestsattheendofkeystages_1and2_PDFa.pdf

The above website includes lots of information on the new guidelines, expectations, marking systems and example papers.

Classes 2016/2017 – there will be 4 reception and 4 year 1 classes. As these progress through the school there will be a mixed year 1/2 class, a mixed year 3/4 class and a mixed year 5/6 class. This model has worked in many other primary schools. No decision has been made yet on mixing classes to the next academic year.

Next Meeting – Monday 23rd May 2016