



Parent forum minutes Wednesday 6th January 2016

Present:

Leanne Bridgwood (Head teacher), Viki Bates, Laura Beech, Jo Marson, Liz Moreton, Freya Sangha.

Apologies:

Julie Keates, Gemma James, Simon Cartlidge, Jane Harris Melanie Pritchard, Shirley Stewart-Cooney.

1. Review of previous minutes.

Little acorns – Parents were uncertain if the discount for September had been actioned, as it was unclear on the parent pay system. LB will check and investigate if parent pay can be edited to add more information.

Hand sanitisers have been introduced and are in place throughout the school.

2. School Photos

Some parents are concerned about the cost of photos and feel they are more expensive than other schools. LB reported back to the school forum that historically the forum had received negative feedback for the quality of photos, as a result the previous company had been replaced with Academy. LB commented that Academy have always supported the school and have provided the photographs displayed. They are always professional and have a child centred approach.

Parents with more than 1 child in school would like the option for more special offers. Academy also offer a choice of photos, parents queried if it would be possible to have some of each print in a package.

3. Feedback for school plays

During the build up to the plays, parents were worried about the time spent out of class rehearsing. Although this concern had been raised, parents thoroughly enjoyed the performances and congratulated the staff for their dedication.

Further feedback received related to the distribution and allocation of tickets. Parents were unhappy with the 2 ticket limit per child per performance. Other

parents reported not receiving the letters, therefore missing out on their preferred date and time. LB confirmed that future correspondence will be via e-mail as a more effective way of distributing information to parents.

LB discussed the possibility that the KS2 play be moved to the summer, with KS2 taking more of a leading role in the carol concert. LB invited PF reps to discuss and obtain feedback from other parents.

Miss Scott was to be congratulated for the enthusiasm that she displayed during the KS1 performance.

Parents commented that they appreciated the time and effort the teachers gave to the plays as it gives pupils the opportunity to develop additional skills.

3. Parents evening

Some parents felt that Mr. Cartwright may have come across a bit negative. Other comments received expressed that he had explained pupil's progress and settled in well.

LB commented that the reports for pupils should always be balanced. If you are unhappy about any comments, you can always ask teachers to elaborate. If you still feel queries are not resolved in the allocated time, further appointments can be made.

Little Acorns appreciated the opportunity to have parents evening too. Parents reported that they are really pleased with their children's progress. They felt that Mrs Liggins and Miss Smith were doing an excellent job.

Year 2 parents have been impressed with Miss Scott, she seemed to really know the children and had organised their goals.

Good feedback was expressed for all years.

Parents evening 95% responded and the feedback sheets, which was really positive.

Online safety.

LB requested ideas for marketing the next online safety workshop. It was felt that many parents do not realise the importance of understanding how to keep children safe when using technological devices. PF felt word of mouth would be the best method and to advertise as an opportunity for parents to come and view the new pads/lap tops and other technological resources recently purchased. Parents will be encouraged to bring children with them as this can sometimes be a factor in preventing parents from attending. They will be cared for by TA's who have volunteered to look after them. Children will be able to play with the equipment.

Nursery.

New parents to Glenthorne would like to have had some introductory information about the teachers. LB confirmed that a new brief overview of each member of staff is available online, which gives a brief background of all members of staff.

7. AOB

Prospectus

The forum members discussed places where it may be possible to have a copies of the prospectus. Ideas included Cheslyn Hay village hall, Local doctor's surgeries and Great Wyrley Community Centre.

Think 2/Rising 3.

Parents queried if there would be a change to the access for think 2/rising 3 now that the building works had been completed. LB suggested still using reception entrance.

Abacus and Wordsmith Homework

Some parents were unsure of the work set and how to access the program. A further letter will be sent to parents giving greater detail.

Photo Opportunities

Parents would welcome the chance to take photographs of their own children in costume during the school play. Caution needed to be taken as there are children within the school who are exempt from photo/video.

Actions:

LB – to check if discount has been actioned as discussed for the Little Acorns

LB – to speak to Academy about the possibility of offering discounts on multiple mixed photo packs.

PF reps – Obtain feedback from KS2 parent, regarding moving KS2 production to the summer,

Next meeting: Wednesday 9th March at 6.00 p.m.