



## **Parent forum minutes Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

### **Present:**

Leanne Bridgwood (Head teacher), Viki Bates, Laura Beech, Simon Cartlidge, Jane Harris, Gemma James, Julie Keates, Jo Marson, Liz Moreton, Freya Sangha.

### **Apologies:**

David Mermod, Melanie Pritchard.

### **1. Review of previous minutes.**

Recruitment is still ongoing (JM). Some members of the forum have not been present for several meetings, with no apologies being received. JM to contact to see if they wish to continue. Forum members suggested Tom's mom from Little Acorns/rising 3s as a potential member. (JM)

LB has contacted Academy about the possibility of individual photos. No response has been received yet. (LB to follow up.)

### **2. Feedback for online safety workshop.**

Positive feedback has been received for the online workshop. Parents reported feeling more confident about which websites, links and filters they should be using to protect their children whilst they are online.

Some parents would like to have attended the workshop, but were unable to finish work in time. LB will publish the slides from the workshop on the school website. (LB)

### **3. Wrap around for rising 3s.**

Parents have asked if rising 3s can have access to wraparound in the afternoons. Some have been led to believe that this is not an option. LB will accommodate parents where possible. (LB to speak with ML/JH)

Parents also raised concerns about spaces for Little Acorns in rising 3's when it is time for them to move up. LB confirmed that children would not be left without a place. (LB to go through with ML.)

#### **4. Review of KS2 play.**

Some parents were happy with the suggestion to move the KS2 play to the summer, whilst others still would like a production at Christmas. Parents asked if they could do group plays  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{5}{6}$ . LB responded that this would cause issues with time in the hall, but also put more pressure on the class teachers. Miss Turner is an experienced teacher who has dedicated time and effort outside school hours.

Parents expressed concern about year 6 not having their leavers play.

KS2 play will be moved to summer. LB will consider if this has an impact on data.

#### **5.AOB**

##### **Carol concert at St Marks.**

JH has a contact at St. Marks who she can get in touch with to discuss the possibility of having a Christmas carol concert in the church.

##### **Parking**

Remains an ongoing issue. Parents have complained about a member of the extended school staff parking outside the school gate. (JM)

VB has been in contact with community officers about the situation. Recently a new PCSO has been appointed, VB will contact and ask if they could occasionally be present at the beginning/end of the school day.

The forum discussed pupil incentives to walk to school. Ideas included; The use of badges, stickers, car sharing, local residents renting drives, parents parking on friend's drives and walking to school.

The possibility of a drop and go area was also considered.

Sending out the letters from the pupils had a short term impact and will be repeated annually.

SB has offered to see if he can find any leaflets about the dangers of double parking and the impact it has on access for emergency services. These could then be distributed outside the school gate.

##### **Multiple Contacts**

Some pupils with separated parents have reported some confusion over receiving letters. LB confirmed that multiple email addresses can be added to the system and that replies to letters can be sent via e-mail. The parent did not have a computer to receive emails. LB confirmed that parents can receive paper copies if required by contacting the office.

### **Sports Competitions**

A parent has asked why Glenthorne appears to be unprepared for sporting events. LB commented that lunchtime clubs are run to coincide with the sporting calendar giving pupils ample time to prepare for events. Pupils have recently won Archery and Dodgeball competitions. Other schools are larger and have a greater number of students to select from. Glenthorne has received the Golden award for PE.

### **Rising 3s Feedback.**

Really pleased with how the little ones are coming on. They really appreciate that the big talk has been introduced, talk, they enjoy having homework like their siblings. All new children seem to have settled in really well.

### **Parent Pay.**

Some parents are experiencing problems with parent pay. Parent pay indicates that they owe money, when the account should be in credit. 3 parents from Little Acorns have received several emails about the situation and felt that they were being harassed by email. LB advised the representative for Little Acorns to ask parents to contact the office on an individual basis to resolve.

### **Actions**

LB – Chase up Academy

JM – Recruitment for the forum

LB – Suggestion for people to car share/park on friends drives to go out on the newsletter.

LB – to speak with ML/JH about confusion over spaces for rising 3s.

SC – to see if he can locate literature on the dangers of double parking.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00 p.m.**