



PARENT FORUM

23.11.16

Mrs Bonell's class	Miss Hayhurst's class	Miss Whear's class	Mrs Pollard/Mrs Ellis's class	Miss Stracey's class	Mrs Carthey's class
Rich Mulryne	Gemma Rule	Leanne Lester	Vanessa Glossop	Gemma Rule	Vanessa Glossop
Tom Robinson			Juliet Mitchell	Lorraine Brown	Jo Cockings

CH thanked the parents for coming along and explained that the first meeting was a chance to set out the way of working for the year and chatting about how the term was going.

We confirmed that the forum would be based on issues raised by the parents with an open agenda for each meeting.

Reps had been asked for a number of times on Facebook pages and in newsletters. Some classes had put reps forward but where this hadn't happened, CH has asked parents who've previously come along.

It was suggested that meeting times on Weds at 2.30 were tricky for some parents so alternating meetings of afternoon (2.30) and evening (6pm) were suggested. A date for the next half termly meeting would be set at the end of each meeting.

To advertise who the class rep are, names will be added on to the next whole school newsletter.

It was discussed how information would get back to parents from the meetings and minutes would be put on the website and issues fed back to parents raising issues by reps.

Issues raised

- How are the mixed age classes working? Very few issues have arisen since the start of this term and anxieties about that this would work, seem to have settled.
- In one class, children have been playing roughly and using inappropriate language which has concerned parents. (action: CH to pass this back to staff)
- Concerns were raised that at break times, older children were playing with sticks and branches, climbing trees and throwing stones. CH explained that it is against policy to climb trees and all duty staff circulate around the playing area to ensure safe play so this is a concern. It was discussed about younger children playing on the infant playground at lunchtimes to allow for the different activities they choose and for older children to have input about playtime games to help them with their choices. (action: CH to pass this back to lunchtime staff and discuss with teachers)
- The plans for a carol concert for KS2 instead of Christmas performance were discussed. The plan to have a carol concert is a change from previous years. CH explained that minimal hall capacity and seating, limited time for rehearsal and more flexibility in the summer term were all factors for the change. KS2 will have a play in the summer term, with Year 6 taking a lead. The leavers assembly will be discretely Year 6. Both will be the focus for their talents for those children wishing to take part.

CH thanked the parents for coming along and sharing the views of parents.

Next meeting Wednesday 25th January 2016 at 2.30