

Parents' Forum meeting Tuesday 21st February at 7.00pm.

Meeting minutes

Attendees: Kelly Leary, Donna Floyd, Mohammed Ashraff, Debbie Sarl, Amy Mathey, Danusia Inglot, Shelley Sheppard, Paula Lee, Jean Howard, Jackie Subhan, Andy McNeill, Paul Randall, Clare Cunningham

Apologies: Kelly Greenlee, Steve Andrews & Nancy Smith

Updates from school and any questions

At the last meeting we discussed participating in the One Can Trust Reverse Advent calendar initiative. This was embraced fully by all parents, pupils and staff and all contributions were delivered to the Trust just before Christmas. There were a vast number of items collected and thanks went out to everyone who helped. This demonstrated the level of generosity there is within our school community.

This week Mr Andrew German has joined the staff as our new School Business Manager. I am sure that he will be a great addition to the team. He will be based in the school office.

Children have participated in a range of sports events since the last meeting:

Y5 Football competition

Y5/6 Tag Rugby

Y3/4 Badminton

Y4 Football

Some children from Y6 have attended an author workshop at a local school and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Others have participated in a maths challenge and history competition at Davenies School.

We are continuing to develop the use of the outdoor environment to enhance the children's learning and a number of the topics over the remainder of the school year lend themselves particularly well to this. We are also exploring how we may be able to secure further funding from Tesco to make further improvements to the wooded area alongside the school.

There have been a range of visits and visitors to enhance the curriculum and others are planned:

- Y1 had a further visit from Tesco for food tasting
- Key stage one and Foundation Stage have participated in a perform drama workshop
- Y5 have visited the Ashmolean Museum linking with their topic on the Romans
- Y6 will be visiting Hazard Alley
- The week of the 27th February is story telling week with a dressing up day for World Book Day on Friday 3rd March.
- There is a whole school science week planned for the week of 13th March, which will include visits from reptiles and owls.
- The whole school will be participating in Shakespeare Week on the week of the 20th March, which will include workshops from perform drama group.

Updates from governors and any questions

Since the last Parents Forum meeting, the Governing Body have had two sets of meetings of the Curriculum & Admissions committee as well as the Finance Personnel & Premises committee. The Raising Achievement Committee looked at progress and attainment data on 17.11.16.

We have a meeting of the Full Governing Body on Monday 27th February, where all Governors will be reporting on their areas of responsibility and looking in detail at the latest Head teacher's report and various aspects of the school.

Governors have been involved in the Strategic Improvement Advisors Autumn Term Business Meeting in December and interviews for the new School Business Manager.

In the first half of the Spring Term, Governors visited Foundation Stage and Y5. Governors also attended the Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings at the end of the last half term.

Currently there are many external areas that we are monitoring extremely closely all of which you would have heard discussed recently in the news. Teacher recruitment, (Mrs Cunningham and I are attending a recruitment festival at the weekend) fairer funding formula, the impact on funding within the local authority and its support for school improvement, as well as multi academy trusts.

For the next Parent's Forum meeting, rather than just list of what I feel you would like to hear about, I would be happy to discuss any areas of the work that the Governing Body are involved in, such as the performance management process, how we review and analyse the data. I welcome any suggestions that you might have. Please use the Governors email address to send the Governing Body any topics that you would like discussed, governors.loudwater@gmail.com

Paul Randall

Updates from FOLS and any questions

Mr Ashraff spoke about a communication system from the national parent/teacher association called "Class List" <https://www.schoolclasslist.com/>

He explained how this would work to promote improved communication between parents and the school to ensure that everyone could be kept up to date and provided with reminders electronically. It was agreed to use this platform and for class representatives to take a lead role in signing up parents in their classes to receive information in this way. It is a system free to the school, FOLS and parents.

The Easy Fundraising website and app was also discussed.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/>

This is a way that parents can raise money for the school when they shop on line simply by registering with the website. Many retailers are involved in this including most major supermarkets, Amazon and John Lewis.

Incentives to encourage parents to register with the site were discussed including leafleting and giving house points to children whose parents registered.

Mohammed Ashraff

Items from class representatives

The issue of E-safety was raised and it was highlighted that since moving to secondary school some children had encountered difficulties because of the posts they had made online. This highlighted a

need for further E-safety information for parents. Mrs Cunningham would arrange for information events to be held to highlight the safeguards parents should have in place to protect their children. It was noted that when the Y6 children visit Hazard Alley there is a very good workshop about E-safety for the children.

Some children who had attended sporting events had been unsure about the rules of the sport they were playing. Mrs Cunningham to discuss this with Mr Neighbour.

It was highlighted that there had be a number of incidents where younger children had been hurt whilst in the playground at lunchtime. It was explained that the accident book was audited termly and that particular consideration would be given to the younger children when this was next undertaken and any preventative measures would be put in place.

Concerns were raised about parent driving up School Way to collect children from clubs. This will be mentioned on the newsletter and school will continue to monitor this the best that they can with the resources available.

It was recognised that the support offered by Sharon Edwards our Parenting Support Advisor had made a significant difference to a number of children and families.

Future agenda items

Class representatives were asked to explore this with their class' parents.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at 7pm Y6 classroom