**Loudwater Combined School**

**Parents Forum Meeting Minutes**

**Date of Meeting:** 25th March 2014

**Attendees:** Clare Cunnington, Andy McNeil, Luis Antonio Collinao Pizanno, Kate Harrop, Wendy Harbour

**Apologies:**

**Chaired:** Clare Cunnington

**Minutes:** Wendy Harbour

**AGENDA**

* Welcome & Apologies.
* School Information
* Governor Information
* FOLS information
* Feedback from class representatives (if any)
* Attendance and Punctuality
* Results of the Communication Survey
* School Uniform
* Lunchtime arrangements
* Proposals for “FOLS lottery”
* Railings at the crossing point on Kingmeads Road
* Second hand uniform “shop”
* Items for next agenda
* Date and time of next meeting
* Any other business (to be notified at the start of the meeting

 **School Information**

An update of School Information was provided by Mrs Cunnington – There has been a focus week in school on “Story Telling”. At the start of each morning the children were read to – this has proved very successful and will be repeated.

Shakespeare Week – focused on Midsummers Night Dream and was very successful and enjoyed by all the children.

Class Assemblies – All year groups carried out a school assembly which was enjoyed by both children and parents.

The school choir has performed at Wycombe Swan as part of Energize.

School Trips – Year 6 visited Hazzard Alley and Year 4 visited Sewage Works in Slough.

Many children participated in Sporting Events such as Netball, Football Tournament, Hockey. Cross Country Event and KS1 Athletics and Multi Skills as well as children participating in the Sports Relief walking/running a mile. It was noted that on some occasions when letters were given out to children there were not always enough copies. CC will discuss this to ensure 30 copies are provided for each class.

Within school there has been a firm focus on preparing for the implementation of the New NationalCurriculum along with accelerating progress in writing through a range of opportunities

**Governor Information**

Andy advised that the Governors held meeting recently, attended the Parents Evening ensuring they were on hand for any consultation. There has been training recently for some Governors and also Newsletter and minutes to be published

**FOLS information**

**Proposals for “FOLS lottery”**

There is a FOLS Lottery proposal open to all parents, grandparents, friends and carers, all parents who attended said they would be willing to participate.

**Feedback from class representatives**

* **School Uniform**

It was noted by some parents that some children were not wearing the school uniform, Clare has addressed this and will be monitoring. Parents have suggested a School Uniform 2nd hand sell, Clare advised this is a good idea but would have to be run by the parents.

* **Railings at the crossing point on Kingsmeads Road**

Some parents have requested the current railings on the bridge side are lengthened, Clare can provide a name at the council offices to put the case forward

**Attendance and Punctuality**

Everyone reviewed the Attendance spreadsheet showing 90% attendance over five years means missing one half of a school year. Clare advised they are looking at trends and offering support to children who maybe regularly poorly, or speaking to parents direct when there is no valid reason. As from 1st April 2014 the Buckinghamshire County will prosecute for un-authorised leave from school term time.

**Lunchtime Arrangements**

Clare advised the new lunchtime arrangements in preparation for the new hot lunches for KS1.

**Next Meeting – 7pm on Tuesday 20th May and 9.30am on Wednesday 21st May – Hopefully more parents will attend.**