

MINUTES FROM PARENT FORUM MEETING OF 17/05/16

Present:

Anne-Marie Kennedy (Family Support Worker)

Kath West (Governor)

Tracey Coates

Claire Winchester

Stephanie

Apologies: Sue Willans sent her apologies

Minutes of previous meeting Agreed

Communication

Marvellous Me: All present were using Marvellous Me. Some teachers seem to be using the app whereas others hardly at all. Could it be used to inform parents of awards (silver leaf/golden tickets/House points? Would be good if TAs could use it too.

Pixmore App: None of the parents present knew anything about this! Needs to be advertised better

Letters Home: Parents are not getting letters come home to them. What can be done to ensure this doesn't happen? Could ALL letters go on website (either on class page or office page, or have a designated letters page)?

Parent Notice Board: Would be very useful too.

Transition

How do people feel transition is handled within school? Very smooth. Josiah's extra transition info is very good. Great. Sending children on errands to their next class is a great way of getting them used to new class and teacher. Mixing up classes/years for the spelling interventions also helps.

SATs

School handled things well. The constant media coverage did not help this year! Josiah was disappointed when he finished his. He was not at all stressed as he had the right level of support for his needs. Another mum reported that her child had been sick with worry and nerves on Sunday and Monday!

AOB

- School Play: Could school PLEASE get the dates for the school play out to parents in plenty of time. Also, there weren't enough tickets or seats last year.

- Texting: If more than one child in the school could texts include the names of ALL the children (one child really upset that their name is never on the messages).
- Date changes: Please could date changes be highlighted and possibly a text sent?
- After School Clubs: Seem very sparse this year, and all have to be paid for or are by invitation only. Need more diversity of clubs (too many sports ones).
- Rules of the playground: Could yr 3 teachers please clarify the rules as some of the children are very confused (allowed on the grass/not on the grass, under the sail/not. Would be good to have MSA attend Parent Forum beginning of next school year, to explain how things work.
- Anne-Marie pointed out that children should not be on the playground after 3.15 as there is no supervision. There should be a disclaimer notice saying parents are responsible for the supervision of their children after that time, and that if the children are playing on the school apparatus school will not take responsibility for any accident/injury.
- Kingswood: Need kit list asap as not enough time if people need to go out and buy kit.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 22nd June at 2pm