

Minutes of Pixmore Parent Forum Wednesday 5th December 2018

Present:	Kath West	- Governor (SEND focus)
	Debbie Onbashi	-Parent and Governor
	Caroline Nicholson	- Parent and Governor
	Sue Willans	- SENCo
	Anne Marie Kennedy	- Family Support Worker
	Jeanette Mooney	- Grandparent
	Claire Edmond	- Parent
	Vilborg Sigurdzrd	- Parent

Agenda:

FEEDBACK ON PUPIL VOICE

- **Caroline and Kath gave a positive summary of Pupil Voice interviews**
- 16 children were interviewed from YR3 and they shared a lot of positive feedback.
- They mentioned that the transition went well, they felt safe and comfortable in school with very few negatives.
- The pupils love school and love learning even the maths and homework on the whole with only 1 negative about homework.
- Children were animated and enjoyed the lessons especially the literacy topic work which was a project on the Lion King, there are adults the children can go to and be supported
- Resources good

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT - COURSES

- Sue informed the group about Pixmore providing a mindfulness course parent/child that had happened – a few of the group had not know anything about this and believed the leaflet might have got lost amongst other paperwork or not even come home with their child
- **Note** – make sure more advertising/notice about future courses so more parents/carers aware although Sue does approach people directly if she believes the course would be of help to them/family
- **Upcoming courses from January partnering with Hertfordshire Adult and Family Learning Service (HAFLS) :**
 - Build your confidence (adults only)
 - Maths (adults only) – specifically for Year 3 and 4 parents/carers
 - Let Sue know if interested – also asked the group to be ambassadors for the courses and promote them.
- Deborah offered to place information on Pixmore Parents page on Facebook to see if that helps

Another interesting course:

Beezee Families Thursday 5-7pm from January 2019 Deborah will put information on the Pixmore parents Facebook page – email/see Sue if interested

10 top words for Ethos Values Mission Statement

- **Sue and Deborah** explained that Leadership/Governors are looking at the current vision/values/mission statement and will be reviewing in mind to make this more up to date and in line with how the school are now so a bit of an update needed as it's evolved.
- Asked the group to think of top 10 words to describe Pixmore so could be presented to the Full Governors meeting on 10th December.

Teamwork

Inclusive – whole school/whole child, Value everyone, Acceptance - all important, Space to be themselves

Achievement - Recognition – rewards celebrate praise positive reinforcement, academic, sporting, music/art, social

Community

Nurturing/Caring

Supportive - Peer group

Understanding – of others views and feelings

Encouraging – confidence, developing strengths/working on weaknesses

Flourish and grow

Safe/secure

Inspiring

Other topic

Reading Books/Homework

- Deborah referred to the primary school who have banned homework apart from YR6 as it was causing stress for the pupils. Just focused on reading at home tasks.
- This led to discussion about the reading books pupils are taking home and Claire mentioned on a few occasions her Year 3 daughter (a free reader) had brought home inappropriate books for her age and that had made her upset.
- Deborah and Vilborg also pointed out the difficult of swapping books and that the children always seem to have the same book in their bag. Deborah's daughter struggles to bring home books, homework books and so on constantly having to remind them which can cause upset.
- Sue agreed need to review the system of swapping and ensuring age appropriate books brought home.

Thank you to all who attended; your views matter, and we always take them seriously.

