

## Parent Forum Minutes 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

### **Present**

Rachel Coleman

Kellie Davis

3 class reps

### **Update on actions from previous meeting**

Parent consultation meetings – A link will be added to the school website prior to next parents evening.

**Action** – RC to add link on website.

Charity events – Charities have been selected and agreed to ensure a more even distribution.

**Action** – RC to update to school website.

School day consultation – Waiting for the trust to send some documents

**Action** – Documents to be sent out to parents once received from the trust.

SRE 2020 – The SCARF system has been selected (same company as the life bus).

**Action** – To be added to the agenda for the next Parent Forum meeting. An email will be sent to parents once the trust policy is finalised.

Water drinking – Teachers have been reminded to remind the children. A further reminder will be sent to ASC.

Toilets – RC spoke to site manager about the cleanliness of the toilets. Still instances of the toilets not being clean in the morning.

**Action** – RC to follow up with site manager again, and Lodestar, the cleaning company.

PE/Curriculum overview – Curriculum overview almost complete on the website. Will shortly go live.

Extra curricular activities/clubs – Hyperlinks added to the website for external providers.

Parent Apps – RC liaised with office. Notifications have been turned off.

Educational apps – List of educational apps added to the website.

Lunchtimes – Lunchtime clean plate stickers and Top table for good behaviour initiative soon to be rolled out. Some concern about portion size especially for older children.

**Action** – RC to monitor. KD to check on next AAC day.

After school club - RC and JD met with the kitchen manager to discuss. Many positive comments about how much better the food and activities were this school year, including help with homework, cooking etc.

**Action** – menu to be added to website.

Good Citizens initiative – Next enrichment day on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb will be an Eco day. Each year group will be given one of the categories from the Eco schools award and will try to make the school environment more environmentally friendly.

Gates – Walking bus implemented for Reception children with year 6's help. Staff have been reminded of gate opening times.

### **Christmas Event Feedback**

- Positive feedback about the various Christmas events, but some concerns that some children always seem to get the starring role. RC mentioned a plan to create a spreadsheet to make sure all children got a fair turn to have a starring role.
- Some comments about the logistics of picking an older child up from the Parish church and getting back to school to collect a younger sibling. Discussed bringing the timing of the concert forward to facilitate this. Timings will also need to be altered if the school day changes.

- Some confusion re the blanket no filming/photos during the concert. RC explained that some children cannot be photographed as it poses a danger to their welfare, but we may be able to film the concert in future (like the production of the Lion King) and edit them out.

#### Actions

RC to work on spreadsheet to ensure all children get the same opportunities.

RC to look into filming future concerts.

#### **Book Week**

- Book week is 2-6<sup>th</sup> March.
- To include a visit from the author Hiawyn Oram, Roving bookshop, Parent workshop and a shared reading session.
- Shared reading will be over breakfast
- Discussion about how to make the roving bookshop less chaotic. A one-way system, with pay points in the corridor outside of the hall, and the author to sign books in the library were all suggested and agreed to be a good idea. Teachers will be needed to monitor the hall.
- RC suggested we revisit social media safety as the topic of the parent's workshop. A purple mash workshop or another maths workshop were also suggested.
- Discussed what was thought of the 'Bug Club' online reading scheme. It was felt that it was irrelevant to the older children, and some parents didn't want their children reading on a screen, but it was agreed that it worked for some children.

#### Action

RC to liaise with bookshop, author and teachers to streamline the event.

RC to invite social media expert back for a parental workshop.

#### **End of Year Reports**

- Feedback from parents was that not all subjects were covered explicitly on the EoY reports. RC suggested splitting the subjects out in the same way as the curriculum is on the website e.g. a humanities box and a creative and physical box for comments. This was well received.
- One parent suggested the children should regularly take exercise books home, so parents can see what is being covered. It was felt that this was impractical, as teachers often mark in the evening, but a password protected area of the website could be set-up where worksheets could be found.
- One parent suggested electronic reports.

#### Actions

RC to look into setting up a password protected area on the website for worksheets.

RC to think about how electronic reports could work.

#### **AOB**

- One parent asked for internal clubs to be put onto the website. These include chamber choir, junior choir, netball (Y5+6), computer club, cross country, football and BIF. RC will update.
- The challenge curriculum section is still to be updated on the website. RC to update
- Play leaders scheme is not currently mentioned on the website. RC to add a tab.
- Athletics, hit and miss whether any tasks are assigned. Mrs Fox is now Maths lead, RC to follow up with her.
- Munchkins – Parents feel a bit short changed as KS2 not starting until almost 4 due to changing, and classes often finish by 4.30.

Action

RC to add internal club timetable to website.

RC to add challenge curriculum.

RC to add play leaders tab.

RC to follow up with Mrs Fox about Mathletics.

RC to follow up with Munchkins.