

Parents Forum Meeting – Tuesday 11th July

Present:- Hannah Bishop, Clare Griffin, Vicky Corbett, Vikki Taylor, Glynis Zmiko, Janet Horton, Charlie Jones, Nick Hinton, Julia Marsh, Mrs Grundy

Apologise:- Rachel Richardson, Jo Aldridge, Katie Lliyd

Clerk:- Claire Porter

Matters Arising

- 1) Parking – PCSO Andy has been outside at school drop off and collection times but this doesn't seem to have had much effect. We have new No Parking banners which will be used from September. Parents asked if traffic warden could be contacted to come and issue immediate parking tickets and see if this had an improved effect. Delivery drivers are much better now and Mrs Porter contacts companies if any issues.
- 2) Attendance – During attendance week we focussed on punctuality and as the week went by we saw a dramatic improvement, we would like this to continue every week to ensure children are seated in their classes by 8.50 ready to start learning.
- 3) Timings of Parents Forum – Parents who attended preferred the meeting during the disco time but obviously this meant that parents who helped with the disco were unable to attend. It was agreed to alternate the timings between the morning session and the disco times in future.
- 4) Summer Fayre – It appeared to be a success on a Friday night but we are still waiting for the final figures. Numbers seemed to be up and the weather was great which helped too. Mrs Grundy said she thought it was better for staff but appreciated that not all parents had been able to attend. It was asked if the Christmas Fayre would continue on a Friday morning and Mrs Grundy confirmed it would.

Agenda

No items were added to the agenda prior to the meeting by parents

Any Other Business

- 1) Reports – Year One – Parent brought up that she had viewed several reports for Year One children and they all said the same things. Mrs Grundy said she had reviewed all Year One reports and there were many difference between them. She confirmed that the initial part of a section may have looked similar as many of the children had the same objectives but as you read the individual comments you could see the difference in the performance of the children.
- 2) Parents Evening Sign Ups – Parents asked about the current system of choosing a parents evening slot as if they worked they found it difficult to come into the foyer in school. Mrs Porter said she was always willing to make appointments on peoples behalf if they emailed the office or phoned once they were displayed. Discussion took place about an automated

system but due to the costs and the parents not really wanting to go down the technology route it was agreed to continue with current system.

- 3) Funding for school – Parents asked if since joining the federation is it had made any difference to our funding. Mrs Grundy confirmed that we were started to look at join procurement but we had not seen any significant changes yet. The management and governance had been the priority to get right first and this has now been achieved and next would be the move to share more teaching expertise and experiences.
- 4) Penk Valley Academy – A parent had asked by email if this would affect the transition of our children to Penkridge Middle School. Mrs Grundy said that we had not received much information yet as they are still in the consultation period but PMS will still need St Michaels children so it should continue as it is at present.
- 5) Clubs – Parents asked if we could alternate the nights of KS1/KS2 clubs so children who couldn't make a Tuesday would get the chance on a Thursday at another time. Mrs Porter to arrange with Mrs Sharman. Fencing club was very much enjoyed as it was something different. Gymnastics and TaeKwonDo clubs were requested.
- 6) Parent Activity Sessions – It was asked if we could give more notice of dates for classes so parents could try and attend. Mrs Grundy agreed to look at dates a term in advance.
- 7) Swimming Lessons – Parents asked when swimming lessons took place. Mrs Grundy explained it was from Year 3 onwards but timing had not been received from Wolgarston.