

Minutes

Parents' Forum 9th February 2017

Present: Julie Church (Headteacher), K Aldis, S Tunmore, A Ottaway, G King, A Feely, S Weston

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1. Welcome

JC welcomed every one and explained the rationale behind the Parent Forum. It is one way parents can become involved in school life. It will seek to inform parents on strategic and operational matters. It will be a forum where parents can be consulted and their views passed on to those making school improvement decisions. There will be a forum at least termly.

2. School Priorities

JC shared and explained a summary of the school improvement priorities. There was a discussion on changes to assessment where teachers assess without levels.

3. Our Teams

JC explained the schools in the federation work on school improvement through four teams. Each team is child centred and plans how best the school can develop strategies to maximise learning. The teams are:

- Assessment for Learning Team
- Environments for Learning Team
- Pedagogy and Curriculum Team
- Pupil, Family and Community Support Team

4. Demonstration from Pupils

Arthur and Henry from Year 2 in Bitterns joined the meeting to show how they use their green pens to assess their own work. This is an initiative which Mrs Collins will be able to share with other teachers. Henry described it as the 'power of the green pen'.

5. Consultation Exercise and Feedback

What is going well?

- Home school communication (Coots)
- Extracurricular opportunities
- Celebration Assembly
- Parents' Forum
- Communication better with App and emails
- Lunch time clubs
- After school clubs
- Using field all year round
- Tapestry
- A more relaxed attitude towards homework

What could be better?

- More sport
- swimming for year2's
- explanation of behaviour level charts
- all staff applying consistent rules at lunch/break time
- reading cafes
- more notice for homework projects set over holidays
- involve wider community as well as parents i.e. other relatives, villagers, residents
- highlight specific aspects of spelling and maths/child could practise at home

What should we ask the children?

- What they like best and least about their school day?
- What is your feedback on new Home School Agreement?
- All felt the format for the HAS was fine.
- What would you like to know/understand more about?
- More information to give quick snapshot of child's strength and areas for improvement

6. Discussion

- JC explained how moderation/tracking/pupil progress meetings supported consistent teacher assessment - Mr Tunmore
- Texting cancellations or short term news does not work due to poor signal - A Ottaway
- Inform residents of busy events so forewarned re: parking etc. - A Ottaway
- Teachers will be inviting parents into the classroom each term - all
- Would be good to share parent expertise as a resource - S Weston
- More outdoor learning/forest schools - all
- Inform parents in advance of RE content - G King

7. Close

'Nice to be able to see what the school priorities are'

'Can't always make this time but useful'

'Useful'

8. Next meeting TBC