



Parent Forum Minutes

<p>Date of meeting: 25.9.23</p>	<p>Staff present: <i>Mr Fielder, Mrs Cork</i> Number of parents attended: 14 <i>Issues to be explored in BOLD</i></p>
<p>Mr Fielder welcomed attendees, offered refreshments. Highlighted school vision, code of conduct, and core values.</p>	
<p>Agenda items</p>	<p>Questions/Response</p>
<p>Key achievements</p>	<p>JF talked through Reading and phonics, maths and writing data, sport and other achievements. JF talked through parent voice. <i>Q What is extended abstract learning?</i> <i>R JF talked through and directed to the website.</i></p>
<p>2. School dinners</p>	<p>Discussed changes since last year – year group favourite lunch, more special lunches (Harvest feast 5th Oct), parent lunch. <i>Q What is harvest feast?</i> <i>R Spoke about pupil voice.</i> <i>Q People with allergies – use of vegan cheese. Response to children requesting with the vegan cheese or butter.</i> <i>R – Meeting with kitchen fortnightly</i> <i>Q – Kitchen didn't have time to eat if pupil was late.</i> <i>R – Can only resolve if we are aware of it – please raise with class teacher as soon as aware.</i> <i>Q Salad bar – why is there gherkins and olives on the salad bar does this get wasted?</i> <i>R – Exposure to a variety of different foods.</i> <i>Q. Big topic in our house. Size of the portions provided – given 5 chips. Portion size being quite small</i> <i>R – Discussed food waste and bigger portions to older children. School council were weighing the amount of waste. No trends in particular were spotted.</i> <i>Q – children not eating their food and not being reported to families</i> <i>R – We don't want to force children to eat. Spoke about the process of raising hands for trays to be checked. Children are encouraged.</i> <i>Q – Should fresh fruit and yoghurt be available daily on the menu (noted on menu)?</i> <i>R – JF to raise at the next meeting</i> <i>Q – grab n go lunchbox cold lunch – could we offer that as an option. Most schools have a second or alternative option?</i> <i>R – Will raise to the next kitchen meeting. JF to put out at next parent voice collection.</i></p>



	<p><i>Q – question around exposure to various foods, are we providing a range of foods? Are hot dogs hot dogs? Used to be Colemans sausages. Fresh bread made daily?</i></p> <p><i>R – Raise at next meeting with kitchen. Finding the balance between dinners that children will eat.</i></p>
<p>3. Clubs</p>	<p>JF talked through the changes made since last year – GM change in role, more KS1 clubs, internal/external clubs and more variety. Talked through the range of clubs and how they have been allocated.</p> <p><i>Q – question raised around creative clubs being run? Lego club? Craft?</i></p> <p><i>R – Main issues is space.</i></p> <p><i>Q – Can communication around the clubs can be sent out together and earlier?</i></p> <p><i>R – Send out as early as we can. Other meetings for staff etc.</i></p> <p><i>Q – Allocation of clubs. Parent said responded immediately and didn't get any of the clubs.</i></p> <p><i>R – first come first served basis. Will review allocation process.</i></p> <p><i>Q – One club wanted to do and then someone else got all the clubs.</i></p> <p><i>R – Look at the allocation process moving forwards.</i></p> <p><i>Q – Reduction in offering amount of time given for families to answer.</i></p> <p><i>R – Set date for club release, amount of time and then allocation.</i></p> <p><i>Q – Parent lead a club with member of staff in the room?</i></p> <p><i>R – Volunteer run clubs just need the space and to be able to do this.</i></p> <p>Parents acknowledge that the club offer is awesome – reflected across the entire parent forum.</p>
<p>4. Communication</p>	<p>Changes – termly dates for families, community newsletter half termly, school newsletter half termly, reminder to not email teaching staff directly,</p> <p><i>Q – Seesaw to teachers – why change?</i></p> <p><i>R – Affecting staff wellbeing. Allow SLT to monitor.</i></p> <p><i>Q – events are held – reminder that the PTA are volunteers and that we need families to recognise this.</i></p> <p><i>R – JF to highlight Code of conduct and feedback.</i></p> <p><i>Q – Communication from eys to main school has felt backwards. Families feel like it is daunting as a transition. Yr 1 struggling to go in. Lack of communication about what is happening – meet the teacher is potentially too late. Meet the Year 1 teachers in the summer term rather than in autumn term. Use of a variety of gates like during covid. Carnage on the first day for year 1s – early or later.</i></p> <p><i>R – Review when to meet the teacher. First week in year 1.</i></p>



5. Relationships and behaviour policy	DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING (highlighted the basis). JF highlighted our process around Bullying.
AOB	<i>DEFERRED DUE TO TIME</i>
Mr Fielder thanked everyone for coming and their contributions.	