

# Parent Forum

## Thursday 28th June 2018

### Staff Present

Deborah Howard- Headteacher

Ellie Linton- Communications & Marketing Manager

### Format

At the start of the forum we asked parents to write answers to the following questions on post-it notes and put them on big pieces of paper:

**What do you want to share?**

**What do you want to ask/raise?**

**What's going well/highlights?**

The answers that parents submitted were then used to structure the discussion at the forum.

We also had a separate piece of paper called the 'carpark', which parents could add post-it notes to throughout the forum so that these items could be addressed at the end of the meeting.

## What's going well/highlights

"Communication is excellent."

"The communication with parents, and I'd like to praise also Ellie's work here. I love the format of the Hoot we are getting every week, the school staff is really approachable, and I like all the new communication initiatives, from the Parent Forum to the ideas of having PEPs."

"The Science Club for Year 4. My oldest son absolutely loved learning all the new science facts and concepts with Mr Wheeldon and really hopes a similar club will run again next year (on science, or history, or coding/ computing – anything to do with academic learning)."

"The amazing work of Mrs Roberts in the reception class. My youngest son started school in September and, despite having attended a nursery for the past 3 years, he was crying every morning for the first 3 weeks – didn't want to go to school, didn't understand why he couldn't play all day, didn't understand what these "ssss", "tttt" and other sounds were. He now LOVES going to school, starts incorporating writing different things in his games, tries to read any poster or paper he comes across and comes back every night with new words or new facts he's learnt at school, and I'm convinced his great progress is due entirely to the work of Mrs Roberts. "

"I am very happy with the new bamboo/wood fencing around the Y1 playground."

# You said

**It can be difficult as a working parent if staff are late collecting classes in the morning.**

Is there consistency in reading initiatives across school and across academic years?

**The poor miserable grass in the big playground (where the picnic table and bamboo tunnel are)... Just out of curiosity, is there a durable solution for real grass or if it's in that state just because of so many kids running on such a small space?**

Is there consistency with raffle tickets and do children get enough across the week?

**How can we ensure the new behaviour system feels fair to all children?**

My child attends a before school club but we weren't informed when the member of staff running it was absent.

# We did

**Deborah Howard to follow up by looking to see if there are any issues in September and providing a reminder to staff.**

Deborah to work with relevant members of staff to look at what we want to do as a school over the next year with regards to reading initiatives. We have also launched the annual Sheila Newman award at the end of this academic year, and this award will be given out to one child in each phase annually on World Book Day.

**We have worked with the PTA and this area has now been transformed. A huge thank you to all of the parent volunteers for making this happen!**

Deborah to follow up to ensure that staff (including non-class based staff) have better ability to hand out tickets 'on the go'. Deborah to speak to Kathryn Ben Halima to do a review of how many raffle tickets are given out now that the new system is in place.

**Deborah to look into this further. Kathryn Ben Halima to get pupil voice from a range of children in September. Kathryn and Deborah to carry out review of the new Behaviour Policy in early October.**

Office staff have come up with system for reporting this, which has been put into place for the new academic year.