

Parent Forum 22nd January 2018

Present – Carolyn Solkin, Clare Boland, Philippa Lewis, Heidi Smith, Kate McDonald, Pat Speed, Chris Walsh, Dave Herrity, Helen Tamburro, Michelle Wilson, Sally Gillbanks & Kavi Kvamme.

Apologies – Lesley Kemp, Michelle Mageer.

Ofsted Inspection – Summary report is available on school website. The outcome was that we remain good under the section 8 tariff inspection (1 day). The school were extremely proud of the way our children welcomed them and behaved around school, as they always do. The amount of parent surveys completed was also extremely pleasing and very positive. This was commented on in the feedback.

Playground markings – (from PTA funding), these can now go ahead once agreed by The School Council. They will endeavour to overlay the existing ones and create new designs. This will go ahead early summer when weather is conducive.

School photographs – There have been a few complaints from parents/carers regarding tone, setting and position of children. The photographer is extremely accommodating with his customer service and has tried to rectify any problems. He gives a generous donation to school and will listen to improve the quality in future. We will remain using his local company.

House Teams/prefects – these new initiatives will be looked at in line with our next Behaviour Policy review. Our existing rewards are given in Star of The Week, including class compliments, being spotted, academic and sports achievements. SLT are always checking how the children are receiving these rewards (Star of the Term, rewards have been changed from books to cinema tickets, with regret from us). Prefect jobs would have to be considered in a democratic way, as running for school council is. It was suggested that the role could include doing guest tours and speaking at parent's evenings/meetings and being a role model to other pupils.

Dinner hall – Coats are often taken to the dinner hall with the children (some go straight in to eat and then play out and others do the reverse). The congestion caused by not doing this would be unmanageable. SLT will speak to welfare staff to encourage the children to remove coats whilst eating. Lunch boxes are kept outside their classes; they collect them and return them inside after lunch break. The children will be encouraged to respect each others property in line with our code of conduct.

Cloakroom corridors in KS1 – Year 2 have class monitors to check for tidiness which will continue. Year 1 teachers to monitor their areas. The size of back packs (often Smiggle type ones) are too large to fit in locker areas. Children should be encouraged to bring in just a book wallet (which fits inside a desk tray) or a very small back pack. Teachers to look at PE bags being kept in class to save on room?

Snack Money – This is a vital source of income to Early Years. It contributes to snack, baking, gardening, home made play dough and topic related curriculum subjects. Reminders for this and other financial matters are sent by letter or group call.

Payments to school – a solution to the above could soon be in place with an online payment facility. Parents/carers will be able to view outstanding monies and what payments are required.

Parent Evening appointments – online booking system will be trialled at next slots in February.

SATs – Year 6 exams will be week commencing 14th May 2018.

Phonic Screening – Year 1 will be week commencing 10th June 2018.

Reading for Pleasure – this is a whole school initiative which is carried out in different age appropriate formats throughout school.

Appointment of Nursery Reps – Chris Walsh (Harvey's Dad) & Dave Herrity (Charlie and George's Dad)

Next Meeting – Thursday 15th March 2018 – 7pm