

Minutes of Parent Forum meeting 4th March 2019

Show and share was very well received and parents felt that they, and the children got a lot out of it. The children were so proud to share their work and it was very enjoyable to do an activity with them.

Parents were also very grateful that the pre-schoolers had been supervised separately as the nursery had closed.

- A suggestion was made that in future show and share sessions that the children could all be included even if without a parent there, by being with another parent or the LSA in the hall.

There were a lot of positive comments about clubs generally but especially about morning club availability.

- A Suggestion was made to send the letter by parent mail so all parents receive it at the same time. Mrs Gurr said all letters for badminton and other clubs were sent out on the same day across the school, and that external club organisation should be left to the external providers, so as not to burden office staff more. However, it may be a possibility and she will discuss it with the office staff.

Parents feel the afternoon read is better, calmer and well attended and wish to carry on with it.

- A parent told the forum about a reading carousel idea which she had seen at the school she works in involving all staff reading to children who move around in mixed groups. Mrs Gurr said she would discuss it with staff as it sounded like a great idea for encouraging reading.

The homework challenges have been well met with parents saying it is much easier to choose challenges knowing that they are optional and can be done in any order. Mrs Gurr reminded them that they can also change the challenge if they feel it suits their child more.

A parent commented on just how enjoyable the Art Solutions days were for the children and how much they learnt. Mrs Gurr explained that the boards are so fabulous that they will be moved to the hall for more people to see. She will also upload them to the website.

- A parent asked if there will be a parents morning like the grandparents morning. Mrs Gurr said it was on the plan at the beginning of the year and the date was to be confirmed, which is now Friday 17th May from 9.15-10.30am.

Parents are happy with the set up and updates on the website and with the current level of communication, which they feel has improved and further enhanced by the forum. Mrs Gurr agreed.

Parents were happy with parents evening and Mrs Gurr said she was very pleased with comments from parents as well as the number who attended.

Mrs Gurr told the forum that new tablets and computers are now installed and ready for use with a variety of apps and programmes.

Mrs Gurr asked about sports day and for parents to input at the next meeting.. There was a short discussion about stickers for 1st 2nd and 3rd place so children knew. It will be discussed next time.

- There were no messages from other parents in the folders so it was agreed that Mrs Gurr would send a parent mail to remind people that the forum is up and coming.
- A parent also asked if it was possible to have a suggestion box. Mrs Gurr said she would put one in the entrance hall, and they could be considered at the forum meetings.

The meeting ended at 3pm.

