

# Parent Forum Minutes 05.05.17

2.00 – 3.15 / *The Hub*



## Present:

Mr J. Cheesman (Deputy Head)

J. Altuccini, C. Johnson, J. Peberdy, K. Peel, S. Plowman, S. Sanders, K. Shah, H. Williams

1. Welcome and introductions – all attendees introduced themselves. No new members present
2. Updates since the last meeting:
  - a. Website updates were explained and these included:
    - i. Organisation of the curriculum
    - ii. SATs expectations – Y2 & Y6 Interim Framework statements / parents' guide to end of Key stage assessment

*Suggestions for raising the profile of the school website and its content:*

    - iii. *Show newly updated web pages during parent curriculum sharing events or Golden Envelope assemblies.*
    - iv. *Highlight links to important documents in a different colour to the main text*
  - b. Quick turnaround of events – This was fed back to teachers who will endeavour to give more notice of events. It was also explained that some trips and events are offered to the school with relatively short notice
  - c. Homework expectations
    - i. School sent out a letter regarding the new maths scheme, Abacus. Some still felt that expectations could be clearer with relation to the tasks set as homework.
    - ii. There is still work to be done regarding expectations linked to homework that it is more consistent across the school.
    - iii. Discussion around the idea of using a programme such as 'Show My Homework' to help strengthen home/school links. This will need further investigation, including a discussion with school staff and the senior leadership team.
3. Parental engagement
  - a. Fun and Families. Discussion about how we can increase numbers of parents attending the groups. One suggestion was to conduct a survey for those who have already attended, e.g. – Why did they attend? How useful was it?
  - b. Anomaly – This is the large display screen on the playground outside the Y3 classrooms. The digital signage streams video content, including some made at school, on a range of topics. It also allows us to give messages and updates on a regular basis. More information on the system will follow shortly.
4. Parking – not enough time to discuss during the meeting so this will be on the next agenda. Possible discussion to include the issues around parking near the school, as well as possible solutions, e.g. a walking bus
5. Questions from the group – in order to ensure future parent forum meetings are useful to attendees, questions / discussion points can now be forwarded in advance by using one of the following methods:
  - a. Suggestion Box – located in the foyer
  - b. Email address - [parentforum@blabystokes.com](mailto:parentforum@blabystokes.com)
6. A.O.B – no items
7. Next meeting – **16.06.17**