

Parent Forum Minutes 10.02.17



2.00 – 3.15 / *The Hub*

Present:

Mr J. Cheesman (Deputy Head)

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

1. Welcome and introductions. Forum members were asked to share something they like about the school and something they would like to know more about.
 - a. Likes (summary):
 - i. Welcoming atmosphere
 - ii. Happy children – never have a problem getting them to come to school
 - iii. Caring staff
 - iv. Inclusive environment
 - b. Would like to know more about:
 - i. The organisation of the curriculum
 - ii. SATs expectations for Year 2 and Year 6
 - iii. How to support children with their learning
2. Discussion on the role of a parent forum member:
 - a. A willingness to participate in surveys about new ideas and initiatives
 - b. A desire to air your views about the school and how it operates
 - c. A willingness to attend meetings at the school (one or two per term) during the school day
 - d. A desire to continue to improve the experience of Blaby Stokes CE Primary School for all pupils and parents
3. Communication – what works / what doesn't?
 - a. What works well?
 - i. Text messaging system
 - ii. Emails with important letters attached
 - iii. Parents evening online booking system
 - iv. Information workshops for parents / carers, e.g. E-Safety
 - v. Communication linked to after school clubs
 - b. What doesn't work?
 - i. Sometimes there is too quick a turnaround on certain events, e.g. the E-Safety performances and some of the curriculum sharing activities. Some felt that a few of the dates for year group specific events are a little bit hidden in the half-termly curriculum information letters that are sent out to all parents / carers
 - ii. Unclear expectations for homework linked to the new spelling scheme – this appear to vary from class to class
 - c. Suggestions to improve communication (to be discussed with the Senior Leadership Team):
 - i. Facebook page / Twitter feed (mixed views on whether or not this is a good idea)
 - ii. Online payments for parents – this is currently being looked into
 - iii. Weekly updates for parents / carers for each class / year group. E.g. a sign on the classroom door briefly outlining the week's learning
 - iv. More 'hands-on' parent workshops / working with the children during a lesson
 - v. Text alerts whenever the website is updated
4. Possible agenda items for the next meeting:
 - a. Homework
 - b. Character education
 - c. Fun & Families

5. Date / time of next meeting – 31.03.17 / 2.00 – 3.15