

# Parent's Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on 12.10.18

1. Parents were welcomed and were told about how well the children had settled into their new classes. This was because of well thought out transition opportunities that take place throughout the year.
2. Spoke about how literacy and numeracy are prominent during the week as well the foundation subjects being linked to the overall theme for the half term. The children receive phonics or spelling lessons as well as taking part in guided reading at least 4 times a week. Spoke about Artis working with the whole school developing creativity and vocabulary.
3. Discuss the School Development Plan targets and why they have been chosen and what impact it will have on progress for the year within school. Parents suggested it might be a good idea to have a maths session with parents to look at the White Rose maths and how that works. Parents thought that once things had settled with the federation that it would be nice to know when SLT are in for availability if parents need to discuss anything with them.
4. The funding we received is going towards developing the wildlife area and clearing that so it is accessible for children.
5. It was discussed that a sponsored litter pick would not only help the environment and community but that it would generate a lot of money. It was also suggested that because food brings in money and it is popular with parents and children. Each class could pick a culture/country and ask parents to cook something with their child as well as children cooking in class and sell it at the end of the day. It could be named the food festival. Also a bric a brac sale is something quick and easy that wouldn't take much planning. If raising money was a class competition it may be more successful and to have visual images for children such as tokens in a box to see the amounts increasing.
6. AOB
  - Parents suggested it may be better changing the name to forum so the meetings seemed less formal and more discussion based.
  - Maybe useful to elect some parent representatives who can feedback to reluctant parents as a person parents can turn to if they need support with anything.
  - If the agenda goes out 2 weeks before it would enable the parent representatives to encourage other parents to come along. The parents could also contribute to the agenda by making use of a suggestions box. Also a lot of parents put papers and letters to one side so if the meetings were mentioned in assembly leading up to the meeting more may come along.
  - Parents in the playground on a morning. Could a whistle be blown to indicate this is the time that parents should leave maybe 5 minutes before the school bell rings.
  - Parents are parking on the zig zag lines, could we put cones there or ask a community police officer to come along? The children could also present to parents a road safety assembly to highlight the issue.
  - Could lunchtime menus go out to parents as some children are going home saying they aren't eating because they don't like the dinners so parent would just like to see what the options are for each day.