

Parents Forum

Present:

Apologies from - Mrs Rothwell,

Staff: Mrs Whalley, Mrs Waterworth, Mrs Bate

Governors: Mrs Smith

Parent Governors: Mrs Smyth, Mrs Aspinall,

Parents/carers: Miss Briody, Miss Fairhurst, Miss Anderton, Miss Ljah (Jenny)

Overview of the meeting:

A text was sent out to invite new parents, however no new members have attended. School will send a text out termly to ask new members if they would like to attend.

Summer Fayre:

Parents thought it was brilliant. It worked really well. School decided that we would stick with the Fayre on a Saturday we raised around £900.

Snack:

Following a recent query that Bedford Hall Methodist receive free snack, Mrs Whalley had checked and they do have the same policy as us, it is a voluntary contribution of £1 which is the same as our school. From next September snack will be provided free for everyone. Mrs Whalley said we will be using Pupil Premium money to purchase all snacks for all of the children.

A parent said that cups which we use for milk are still not clean. Mrs Whalley said that we will start putting the cups in dishwasher same as water bottles.

Letter sent out about staffing and school uniform:

Mrs Whalley asked what parent's thoughts were about trying to have a consistent approach with school uniform across school. Some parents said they find it expensive at Bang Bang and Leigh Market is cheaper and they also do the school logo. Amy said she would get a price list for Mrs Waterworth. Mrs Waterworth would look in to other venues and also discuss with Bang Bang.

Homework:

Mrs Whalley said that in the past parents felt there hadn't been enough homework. School have now put together a reading pack to go home. From September parents can listen to their children read, but also help with the comprehension by asking questions. The pack would explain what types of questions. Mrs Moragrega had made the packs up. We had also trialled the Maths packs with Year 6 and seen huge improvements this will also be implement from September. Children will complete some of the tasks in school, but parents will be able to see where they are up to and what they need to work on. Parents will

see what gaps they have and what they can work on. Parents will ask a few different questions. Parents will get a letter with the packs explaining the details.

Project Homework:

Jayne said she thought it was a great idea. Children will have list of things they can do over the half term and pick which activities they would like to do. Children will still learn basic skills but they can do as much or little as they would like. Reception parents said they hadn't received information about this. Mrs Whalley would chase this up.

Sats:

Mrs Whalley explained our school results compared with nationally. Nationally the expectations were a lot higher this year. Nationally half of the country passed on half did not. Our result are:

Us	Nationally
Reading 82%	nationally 66%
Writing 86%	nationally 74%
Spag 68%	nationally 72%
Maths 77%	nationally 70%
Reading, Writing, and Maths combined 68%	nationally 53%

Staff in school have worked really hard and it is showing in our results. Mrs Whalley explained that a lot of work goes on in the background and we are very pleased with the progress being made in Year 6 and across the school.

Singapore maths RWI:

The whole school will be doing this scheme from September. We have already see the impact it had on the classes that have trialed it.

Parents felt that Read Write Inc has been really good. Amy said can see it has helped with spelling.

Head Boy/Head Girl:

Mrs Whalley asked what parents thought about having a head boy and a head girl for next year in Year 6. Parents said it was a good idea, discussion about whether they should be elected for a full school year or every term. It was agreed whoever was elected would do this for the fully year. Parents asked if perhaps if their role could incorporate buddying up with younger children. Betty talked about how children throughout school could aspire to be in this role. School need to come up with criteria for the role, Mrs Waterworth could discuss the responsibilities of the head boy and girl with school council.

Betty talked about Youth Parliament in Wigan Council, Mrs Waterworth will contact Betty's daughter about school being involved in youth council.

Date and plans for next year:

- Christmas Fayre - It was agreed that it would run again due to its success. A few tweaks would be made to reduce the number of people in the hall. We could advertise stalls more in different classrooms.

- Valentine's disco – this was discussed but it was felt that as there was one at Easter we would just continue to have a non-uniform day to raise funds jointly at Easter time. Children could wear red. Mrs Whalley talked about other fund raising days around that time of year such as Red Nose Day, Sport Relief etc.
- Easter Disco – it was very good and children really enjoyed it. We would run this again. Betty suggested perhaps a fancy dress at Easter and have a competition.
- Harvest – this was planned already and information would be sent nearer the time.

Mrs Whalley explained that all these events take a lot to organise and school really need the support from parents for these to be able to run.

Parents said that thank you letter needed to be sent out. Mrs Bate had already sent some letters out to businesses that had sent in donations.

A.O.B

Parents asked about the Reading Shed that purchased with funds raised from Christmas. Mrs Whalley said that it will be in place from September in the playground.

Parents said that the school app had not been updated for a while with all events, sports day information was not on. Mrs Whalley explained that she would look into this. School had had some staff absences lately due to personal reasons.

Parents said that the cancellation notice for some of the clubs (football club and colouring club), were a little late. Texts came through at 2.45pm on the day. Mrs Whalley would look into this and explained that sometimes clubs do have to change due to commitments that come up in school – however they should be rearranged not cancelled. There will be no clubs next week.

Parents were reminded that the last day in school is next Wednesday the 20th July.

Parents asked about bikeability for other younger classes in school. Discussion about the schemes being run by Wigan Council are aimed at Year 5-Year 6 pupils. It was agreed that school would have an assembly on road safety or emergency services for all pupils. Anne said parents have responsibility to teach their children in their own homes about safety. Mrs Whalley explained that as part of the curriculum all classes cover safety whether that be online, road safety etc. It is age appropriate and delivered in school, but we would look at an assembly and a safety themed week (E-safety, road safety, stranger danger) Amy volunteered to help.

Parent Forum dates for next school year:

- ***Wednesday 28th September 2016 at 9am***
- ***Wednesday 26th April 2017 at 9am***
- ***Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 9am***

Any new parents wanting to attend should please notify the school office in advance