

Parent Forum Minutes Wednesday 2nd October 2019

Present:

Mrs Evison, Mrs Suckling, Miss May, Mrs Mesher (YR), Mrs Constanti (Y1) Mr Medhurst (Y3), Mrs Sioma (Y4), Mr Wong (Y5) and Mrs Mumford (Y6).

Welcome and Apologies for absence-Mrs Burke (Y2)

1. Minutes and matters arising from meeting on 26th June 19.

- **Parent Forum Reps**-We now have representatives from each year group.
- **School lunches**-Numbers are low especially in KS2. We don't think its price driven but more the fact that children want to sit with their friends. Therefore it has been suggested that packed lunches and school dinners can sit together to try to encourage more children to have school lunches. Mrs Evison will also conduct a survey with the children and liaise with Nourish with a view to introducing pasta pots and baguettes to all year groups. It was also reminded that as KS2 don't have the free fruit they can bring in fruit/cereal bar as a snack at break time (nut free).
- **Gift Aid**-Details were handed out at the recent class information meetings but take up has been very low. Parent Forum Reps have agreed to contact parents via their Whatsapp groups. Gift Aid helps to pay for events in Health Week. It was asked if the application can be completed online as the forms are difficult to understand. This will be investigated.
- **School shoes**-Black unbranded trainers can now be worn. Children will still need a spare pair of trainers in school for PE.
- **Stationery**-Parents have kindly donated tissues, glue sticks and whiteboard markers. Not clear as to whether reception parents were aware of this. Amazon Class Wish Lists to be launched.
- **Siam's Inspection**-Report has been cascaded to parents. The school received a 'Good' Inspection.
- **Country Dancing**-Miss Jeffery will introduce curriculum dance lessons in Y3 when their swimming lessons have finished.
- **Bromley Y Trailblazer**-We haven't received any feedback for holding a workshop for dads. Bromley Y have received funding from the Government and have so far delivered workshops for last year's Y6 and parents regarding moving onto secondary school, Keston Staff and Y4,5 and 6 which were excellent. Please can parent reps ascertain via their Whatsapp groups if dads would like an evening workshop.

- An evening workshop for all parents on Wellbeing has been booked for Tuesday 28th January at 6pm.
- Miss Whiting is now our listening ear in school if a child has any worries.

2. **Data-2019 Results** Data are now available on the website.

- Y6 SATS last year were well above the national in Reading, Writing and Maths.
- Reading 82% (Nat 73%) Writing 87% (Nat 78%) Maths 84% (Nat 79%), the combined % of those children who attained at expected or above in all 3 (R, W, M) is above National @ 71% (Nat 64%) and it's this that is reported in the league tables.

3. **Y2 Issues Raised-**

- **The loss of Education City**
We will not be subscribing to this online platform due to lack of users last year and not due to the cost.
- **Finance-** Mrs Evison discussed this year's budget. Due to falling roll numbers, rising staffing costs due to inflation year after year but no increase in budget, the budget is extremely tight. A new projector has been installed in Y2 and was funded by the PTA. Please can parent reps encourage parents to attend PTA events as these are valuable sources of income for the school?

4. **Any other items**

- **Reception parents-**Other primary schools are sending out photographs of the children in class. Can we do this through Marvellous Me?
- **Book Swap-**A book case will be situated in the hall for parents to take a book and swap it with another book. It was suggested we place an honesty box next to it if any parent wants to buy the book.
- **GDPR Direct Marketing-**Parents will need to complete a consent form for direct marketing. Without their consent we will be unable to send them the weekly newsletter and PTA news. Forms will be handed out at parent consultations.
- **After School Clubs-**Why is there only 1 club on a Monday? We were let down at the last moment by a trampolining club and had already asked Sportacus to swap from a Monday to Wednesday. This will be addressed in the Spring Term.
- A cricket club was suggested, due to our recent success in the World Cup .We do run a cricket club in the summer term. (Numbers were low). We will ask Sportacus if they can incorporate cricket into their club.
- **Art Club-**Mrs Mumford said there is interest in Y6 for an art club and has suggested a lady who would possibly run it for us. She has since been in touch with a view to starting the club in January.
- **Crossfit-**This has also been suggested and will be investigated.
- **Can you use childcare vouchers for clubs?-**Will check with Mrs Davall.

Date of next meeting-Wednesday 3rd December 9-10am.