

## Feedback from the Cooperative Forum held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016

The forum offered a chance for viewpoints to be heard in regards to the slight changes in terms of lining up and golden rules. The reasons behind these changes were:

- Slightly deteriorating behaviour around the school which if not tackled could lead to safety issues in a school with narrow corridors and stairs.
- Respect not being shown to all members of staff.
- Lateness in the mornings.

Children and staff came up with the idea of golden tickets for whole class and individual golden certificates as a way of encouraging good behaviour and allowing all staff to be seen as equal. Lining up was something that staff had been working on for a while and a clear routine for this was agreed to be the way forward. These changes were shared in the newsletter and with the children before coming in.

Parent reps brought some of the concerns that the parents had with regards to these changes. These were collated from the cooperative event, face to face conversations and messages from the digital playground. The general feeling from parents was:

- There should have been some consultation.
- The whistle and silence were not what parents were used to and it went against the informality, familiarity and sociability that characterise the school.
- Some were also concerned about the impact of golden tickets on children who are a bit 'more wild'.

Feedback from staff was that results are already good, with teachers finding it quicker to start teaching and general behaviour has improved across the school. However the teachers, governors and Head Teacher were concerned about the response from some parents and will ensure a more popular way to make future changes will be considered if felt appropriate.

Feedback from parents was that parents are now pleased that a middle ground has been reached with the use of the bell, and silence only at the end, parents being able to talk to each other and say goodbye to their children as usual. Parents did stress that what happened should be used to think about how we work together in the future. The parents agreed that parents and children cannot be consulted every time there is some kind of operational change. After all the teachers' and management's main job is to teach and time is limited. However, when such changes are felt to impact/change the ethos of the school, some form of consultation is necessary. Ideally parent reps would be consulted and given background information which they can then pass onto the parents through various channels of communication. This should allow parents time to respond and these responses can be shared at the next forum meeting.

Other issues raised were:

- The Play Pod has been used less due to lack of staff. The presence of SMAs is irregular so there might be weeks when it is less used but the Pod is used most of the time.
- An admin person has been assigned responsibility for processing membership applications.

- The issue of expensive trips and school meals was also raised. Parents not entitled to the Pupil Premium can speak to the Head Teacher about other possible sources of support. Some trips are half funded from tea and cake money to cut down costs and teachers always try to limit the amount trips cost.
- Clubs, as requested more clubs have been put on across the school. The choice of clubs available to different ages depends on the person running the club. If you know someone who is qualified or has experience of running a language club then please let Mr Brett know. Susy will also speak to Mr Brett about extending Arabic club to year 1 children.

The minutes from previous forums can be found on the school website.

P.S: There will be a cooperative stall at the Spring Fair, with freebies so please come and chat to us more. Also don't forget to sign up!!