

## **Parents Forum 23rd February 2018**

*Present:, Sharon Hunt, Kate O'Kelly, Marie Chappell*

*Apologies : Fran Porter, Caroline Richards, Lisa Forsythe, Joanne Miller*

*Absent: Cheryl Atkins, Amanda Walbridge*

### **Agenda**

- **School development plan**

-discussed plan which is in main reception area and in staff room. This is also on the website and will soon be displayed on the outdoor notice board

-DASP development plans have been sent to parents and are on the website. These have been colour coded to show where we are now and this was shared in the meeting.

- **Outdoor area**

Some developments have taken place with thanks to parent helper support. More are planned and we are currently waiting to see whether Sports Funding will increase as anticipated to completed the track. Walk and talk is back on track and is proving to be a great opportunity to talk to children informally.

Aviva funding application was unfortunately unsuccessful.. Staff had INSET on fire safety and set up planning on 9th February and Miss Wittman has Level 3 Forest School training starting in March

- **Communication to and from school**

This is something we are working hard on to improve. We hope with more full time hours in the office some of this will improve but we are also looking at ways of streamlining information to parents.

Class pages

Homework books

Home record book

Calendar dates sent out at start of year

Letters on eschools sent out from classes when needed ideally on Thursday where possible

- **Parents Forum**

-discussed the rationale of the Parent Forum: to be a link strategic planning group

-Agreed to increase the numbers represented in each class, so that these could cover others when unable to attend. SH spoke to parents and invited Cheryl Atkins, Amanda Walbridge,

Lisa Forsythe and Marie Chappell

- **Pupil Questionnaire**

-Feedback from Pupil questionnaire was very positive with all children safe, happy, clear on learning and targets. They enjoyed clubs and suggested some other options including a Maths club and home work club!

The areas they wanted to see improve were around behaviour and manners at lunch time. We have discussed these in assembly and will now look at creating a lunchtime carter based on the children's ideas. This will then be displayed in the hall and referred to during lunchtimes.

- **Reading dog**

- The reading dog has been immensely successful in school and really had a positive impact on many children in more ways than reading alone. Unfortunately due to new health and safety concerns the dog has not been at school recently and the children have really missed Elsie. After careful consideration we have asked elsie to return and have asked parents to sign permission slips for this.

- **Clubs**

-The children are happy with the range of clubs available which is not necessarily in line with the parent questionnaire. Some parents believe clubs should be free and /or run by staff. I will not ask staff to run clubs at the end of a full day. The choice and cost of clubs is, I believe, very reasonable. I had no response from the request of parent run clubs.

- **Trips**

-The Victorian trip was very nearly cancelled as there was a big shortfall in payments received and the cost of the trip. More monies came in at the very last minute meaning it could go ahead. The children really enjoyed their day and it would have been a shame to have cancelled but school does not have the capacity to cover these costs.

- **Next Meeting to take place on 29th June at 9 am at the school**

***We agreed to put this date in children's diary and include through eschools as a reminder to attend.***