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Summer Term 1 - Parent Forum

Thursday 23rd May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday 24th April 2019 we held our latest 'Parent Forum' of this academic year in the staff room at 08:45am. A copy of the presentation shared is available at - <https://tinyurl.com/y3q42pmn>.

The Prince of Wales School Parent Forum is a half-termly opportunity to meet Headteacher Mr. Spracklen and other members of the Senior Leadership Team. It provides an informal platform to share concerns, discuss ideas and ask questions. All members of our community are welcome.

See below for meeting notes and actions following our meeting-

Notes and Actions -

GSp = Gary Spracklen (Headteacher) JTr - Jules Troughton - Senior Finance and HR Officer

<p>1.0 - GSp provided a staffing update about Miss. Johnson.</p>	<p>Ms Browne will lead Year 4 with Mr Dickinson for the foreseeable future. GSP will oversee this.</p>
<p>2.0 - GSp provided a Maths Mastery update – GSp explained that as a school we looked at a number of options, including Shanghai Maths , before making the decision of what resource we would go with.</p> <p>We took time to make the changes in Maths to ensure the best for the school.</p> <p>We have gone with “Power Maths”.</p> <p>Staff will have training in September and resources will be needed.</p>	<p>Question asked if this would run with Mathletics. GSp said it would still be used alongside Mathletics and explained how this would work.</p> <p>All children need to be able to “lift the lid” to allow children to go as high as they want, seeking to embrace more knowledge.</p>
<p>3.0 - Children’s Voice - GSp discussed how the Children’s Voice had raised an issue about Girls and Sports with in the school. They have requested specific time for “Girls Only” sessions and this is being arranged.</p>	<p>We also now have “This Girl Can” which is a sports club for Year 3 and 4 .</p> <p>This has already started and is proving to be very popular.</p>
<p>4.0 - Outside Space – GSp updated about where we are with the Outside Space, and that we now only need a few more resources for it to be fully functional.</p>	<p>A request is being made to POWSA (and approved) for these items.</p> <p>We now have outside learning areas (new sheds) that will be used for RWInc.</p>

<p>5.0 - Eco Schools – A Green Flag Assessor visited our school recently and has reported that we will keep our Green Flag status.</p> <p>Our Uniform supplier The Embroidery Barn (https://www.theembroiderybarn.co.uk/) is now supplying Eco Uniform alongside the original uniform. This gives parents the choice when purchasing new uniform. The Eco Uniform is made partly from recycled plastic.</p>	<p>Question asked if they look different as the parent was worried about peer pressure from children because some parents may not be able to pay the extra for the Eco uniform?</p> <p>GSp assured her that they look the same so there shouldn't be any issues.</p>
<p>6.0 - Staffing Review – GSp explained the reasons for the staffing review and redundancy, and also clarified the Leadership structure, and associated costs. The Lunch times will change, and in doing so will significantly reduce staffing costs in this area. The children will all eat together and have the Family Dining experience that has proved so successful in other schools.</p> <p>Class cooking will eventually be held in the old kitchen at Pre-School.</p> <p>GSp went on to outline the new Senior Teaching Assistant Roles.</p>	<p>A parent said that parents are talking about how they could help about the redundancies.</p> <p>GSp advised that they should speak to Governors before taking any action as it would be most effective to join existing groups or campaigns.</p> <p>The Local MP has not been very receptive so far but GSp will invite the MP to a round the table meeting here at school!</p>
<p>7.0 - AOB - GSp reminded parents about the Dorchester Children's Carnival and discussed the route and how it would all lead to the Summer Fayre that is being held on the same da – July 6th.</p> <p>The Circus is happening on June 13th . Ticket sales have been good but we have now reached out to schools in the area to advertise the remainder of seats available.</p>	
<p>Next meeting - Monday 3rd June 2019</p>	

All sessions will run from 08:45am-10:00am in the staff room and training centre.

All member of our community are welcome.

Please feel free to catch me any time outside of these meetings. I am usually standing at the front of the school at the beginning and end of the school day. If you would like a more confidential chat, the school office holds my diary and can book an appointment for you.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Gary Spracklen - Headteacher