



Parent class representative meeting

Date: 18/1/18

Apologies:

Present: Emily Morris (HT), Kate Jones (DHT), Joanne Kennedy (F1), Sian Favager SCD1, Angie Lowe (F2), Vicki Nicholls Y1, Kacie Smith (Y2), Rachel Howe (Y3), Alison Richmond (Y5), Tracy Williams (Y4), Karen Hughes (Y6)

EM thanked class reps for attending the meeting as we value their feedback and think it is a good way of communicating with parents to share celebrations and find out ways we can improve school even further. She explained that we would share issues year group by year group and then raise any concerns or questions.

Celebrations

F1 Everyone happy with the extended day. Those children who have had full day nursery experience previously are not so tired.

F2 Positive feedback about the variety of clubs on offer and the allocation sheet with money bag provided.

Y1 Parent rep asked about sharing contact details in order to reach more parents. It was also suggested that Class representatives could have some tables set up in the hall on Parent's Evening to offer tea, coffee introductions and opportunities to chat and raise questions.

There was a suggestion that we could ask parents for donations of clothing and uniform items which could then be offered to specific families confidentially and/or uniform suppliers attending school events (like All Change Day) enabling parents to place orders and try clothes for size.

Y2 Very positive about opportunities for tasting sessions giving children the opportunity to try new foods and the trips being organised.

SCD1/2 Happy to have class rep contact details be shared. Can SCD1 and 2 classes mentioned in newsletters, website and Twitter?

Y3 Parents really happy with home learning and how everything is going. A parent expressed how pleased they were with the referral process and procedures for SEND and outcomes for her child.

Y4 Parents like the home learning

Y5 Asked if children could have more swimming lessons and cookery lessons with parent volunteers

Y6 Particularly like the buddy system which teaches empathy, compassion and responsibility. Like the home learning books and the fact that there was a consequence if it wasn't completed. Appreciated homework club and thought it was a great idea and much preferred the system of texts for messages and reminders.

Issues for discussion and outcomes: The following issues were raised by class representatives:

F1 Why do parents need to pay £2 when children bring a packed lunch? To pay for the cover/time.

Could children who don't stay all day stay for lunch in the summer term (gradual introduction)? Yes, we will introduce a lunch time session gradually increasing in frequency so that children get used to it.

Why were some people given letters about uniform and PE kit when their children were wearing the correct uniform?

This was not how the letter was intended to be used. It was to be signed by EM and then given out to specific families in relation to school uniform or PE kit for clubs. EM to talk to staff to clear any misunderstanding and pass on apologies.

Why don't the club allocation letters match the bookings made online?

EM explained that there had been several glitches in the system and we were going to draw a line under it. She explained a new system that will be introduced that will stream line the whole procedure and offer other benefits for parents in relation to communicating with the school and booking clubs etc. She passed on her apologies for the confusion.

Can we have an overview of all clubs on offer across the whole year?

EM explained that we can organise an overview each term but not across the whole year as this had implications for staffing. She welcomed the idea of parents volunteering to help with clubs and other learning activities in school, like reading.

Can we have parent volunteers for clubs and reading? See above

Why are children in Y1 having a late playtime and are then late out at the end of the day? EM will look into this and remind staff again about ensuring that children are suitably dressed to go outside.

Why are some children still going out without coats on? We will remind staff again about all children wearing coats outside.

Can we share Class reps contact details and photographs? Yes. We collected contact details from all class reps.

SCD1 and 2 not always getting letters. We will remind staff and put information on newsletters.

Are children having enough time to eat their lunch? There is plenty of time for all the children to eat their lunch as we have rearranged the lunchtime sessions. We will keep an eye on slow eaters.

Why are children wearing their coats to eat? They shouldn't be. All children and staff will be reminded that children should hang up their coats on the pegs outside the dining hall.

Are milk lists updated? Office to check that all classes have updated milk lists.

Do all classes get spelling homework and how does it work? From the explanations given by the class reps, it was clear that there were inconsistencies in spelling home learning. We will look into this. We will also look into why SCD1 and 2 are not getting any spellings to learn.

Could HYPE/OWLS groundwork for the field be done by the community at the weekend? We would be very grateful for any volunteers to help us with the field project and maintenance of the work completed.

Could we send a letter to parents about the aims of the HYPE project so that they know what we are working towards and ask for volunteers and donations of building materials for ground works?

This is a great idea. OWLS (Operation We Love our Space) lead to follow up

AOB

Toast club

EM explained that the proposed toast club would be more than just a replacement for break time snacks and the cost was to reflect the additional time in school with trained professionals. There had been some confusion that the cost was just to cover snack. She explained that the break time toast in KS2 will be ending but that children could bring a healthy snack from home or buy one from a tuck shop. She also explained that we would be able to target specific families and support them outside learning time by providing this opportunity for breakfast and learning.

Book Fair

There will be a book fair during World Book week with quality (brand new) books on sale at a reduced cost- no more than £2.50 and a stationary shop.

School Disco/Volunteers

Unfortunately this had to be cancelled at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances. There will be a Valentines Disco. It was suggested that parents should be made aware that events can only happen if parents volunteer. Do we need a recruitment drive?

Whiteboard markers

Although school endeavours to buy marker pens which claim to be washable, parents are experiencing difficulty in removing black marks from clothing. It was suggested that we share a method for preventing staining by scrubbing hairspray into clothing before use.

HYPE- request for volunteers and resources

We will send out letters requesting more local volunteers.

Club booking system

This is being reviewed with a new system being examined.

Facebook page

We have a Facebook page , but this is awaiting governor approval.

Text message to be sent out as a reminder about next meeting.

Next Meeting we would like parents feedback on the curriculum:

- what is taught in class, what do children enjoy, what topics do they talk about at home?
- Are there subject that you feel we should focus more on?
- What do you feel is most important for children to be taught in primary school?

Date of next meeting: Following the Easter Service (9:30) at The Methodist Church, 10:30am Meeting Room