

Family Forum Minutes: Friday 8th July 2022

# Inspiring learners, caring about success!

**Invited**: TL (Chair of Governors), LM, CD, NS, S H-B, LR, TB, KR, CS, HW, KB, R T-R , S-JM, LW, KC, GD, BE

Apologies: S H-B, CD, TB, LR, LW, SJ

Agenda items are black. Responses/actions are blue.

#### 1. Actions from the last meeting:

Actions:

Doodle maths now showing for Owls as it does for rest of the school

Trevor – No kite wide policy regarding if meetings/parents evenings should be remote/blended as standard. Concern that you don't get the same input from attendees. More difficult to get points across and know when others want to talk.

Things can be changed to suit individual family needs. Social interaction is so important. Having children involved in learning conversations is key and this will be developed next academic year.

Healthy snacks confirmation actioned 13/5

All books now accessible for learning conversations

#### 2. Questions from families

- Yr R Pick up seems to be a bit slow and often the gate is still locked at 3pm. Packed lunch children seem to be coming home with lots still in their lunchboxesare these checked? Apologies, as caretaker on holiday, we are aware that the gate needs to be opened. New timings for next year to be reiterated before the end of term.
- If you have concerns about your child eating please speak to the class teachers, they will be able to keep a closer eye. Children will often have a reason behind 'saving food for later'.
- Yr 2: Come dine with me: what is the reason behind doing this? Feedback is mixed, it's a 'nice to have' but perhaps it should only be the new reception parents so they can see how the lunchtime works. Events at the beginning and end of the day are much easier for parents to attend. SLT have decided to only have Come Dine with ME for Year R.

#### **EBI (**Even Better If):

- **Nursery-** An even better if would be more notice for school events as sometimes as little as 2-3 weeks doesn't always allow for booking holiday from work in order to attend. We will try to give as much notice as possible. The first three INSET days for 2022-23 have been set. The other two will be agreed early on in the autumn term.
- Year 3- It would have been nice if the children had been able to do a fathers' day creation like they had done for Mother's Day I think some of the dads felt a bit overlooked. Big apology from Head teacher, she was very aware that dads were overlooked this year. Some year groups made cards and messages, but not all had capacity. Unfortunately, school can't be relied upon to fulfil events for all families.



Resourcing them can be expensive. FFMPS to look into providing resources for cards next year for Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day.

## **WWW** (What Went Well):

- **Year 3:** Sports day was absolutely brilliant with everyone included relaxed happy vibes, all children cheering each other on and lovely mixed aged groups. So lovely to see the older children looking out for the younger ones.
- Thank you so much for the Year 3 sleepover it was a great opportunity for the children to be brave away from home and bond!
- **Nursery:** X2 parents wanted to say a big thank you to all the nursery staff for all their hard work. They have had such a fab time over the past couple of years, it will be sad to leave. One more parent added about the amazing support and how the nursery team are happy to adapt to individual children's needs to help them grow. Include link to FFMPS in communications to new parents. Excited for new Robins parents to be involved in all the school events.

### 3. **AOB:**

Discussed the possibility of changing the day or time of meetings. Blended always an option but we prefer in person.

Could we have back up reps if the official rep can't come

Can reps organise an ad hoc replacement to attend on their behalf – would help if people can't commit to every meeting.

Sam Willans – to send out details of what the Family forum is and the impact it has in supporting the school, at the start of school year so that all parents are aware.

Inset days. Difficult to set these out at the start of the year- see EBI Nursery comment.

Family Forum said goodbye to our out-going Chair of Governors, Trevor Lawson. He in turn thanked Family Forum for supporting the school and reiterated the importance of this group.

New class reps to be agreed at the beginning of term. Sam Willans will invite expressions of interests via email. Reps will co-ordinate the Facebook page and WhatsApp Group (if the families choose to use this method of communication). Thanks to Rebecca Hanlon for taking minutes.

4. **Date of next meeting: New reps meeting:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 9am in the staffroom. Please request link to join remotely.