



Autumn Term 2017

Parent Forum

Classes 1 and 2

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1 November 2017

9.00 - 10.00am



Present: Mrs Robinson (HT), Ms Vasey (HT~ Hawes Primary School), Mrs Platt and Mrs Kennedy

Apologies: none received

1. Home/School relationship

- Induction - Both parents were very positive about the Class 1 Induction process. They spoke very highly of the six pre-visits and also the letters that their children received through the post.
- Parents felt that all the staff in Classes 1 and 2 were very approachable and spoke highly of them.

2. Home/School Communication

- Mrs R informed parents that children would receive a short report at Christmas following on from parent consultations.
- Mrs R asked parents whether the Friday News was still a useful document and whether they felt it was too long etc. Parents responded that they were very happy with it and didn't request any changes.
- Parents appreciated that the Class 1 staff ensure that the letter wallets are checked each day and didn't report any issues with correspondence going back and forth between home/school.
- Mrs R made a request that parents try and adhere to deadlines so that admin time can be used efficiently in school.
- Parents said how much they enjoy seeing photos of the children on the school website and made a request for as many as possible.

3. Curriculum and Homework

- Parents felt the curriculum evenings were useful. However a discussion followed about whether it was necessary for Year 2 parents to attend the Class 2 one for a second year as the content was very similar. Mrs R understood and so in future any new content will be highlighted prior to the meeting so Year 2 parents can know whether there will be any new information and make an informed decision as to whether they need to attend or not.
- A general discussion was held around homework. Overall parents thought the balance was right and could see the links with learning at school. A point was made that spelling tests in Class 2 sometimes changed dates and this confused children - Mrs R will follow this up.
- Mrs R informed parents that the Christmas concert will take the same format as in previous years with the children going down to South Craven School for the afternoon and then performing a one-off concert to all parents at 6:15pm. More information will follow in the Christmas newsletter.

- Mrs R informed parents that Class 2 will have cookery lessons after Christmas for the spring term. Cookery lessons are ongoing in Class 1 with Mrs Murray on a Friday.
- Class 2s trip to Eureka had been greatly enjoyed by the children.

4. E -Safety Parent's Information Evening - November 22nd 7-8pm

- Mrs R talked to parents about the forthcoming E-Safety evening and informed them that it will be led by Rebecca Swift from North Yorkshire Education department. The evening will give parents information about keeping their children safe online and updating parents on the dangers faced by young people online.

5. Maths Information Evening

- Mrs R sought parents' views about a Maths Information Evening. The parents present felt that an evening for all parents of children from Class 2, 3 and 4, where parents were updated with current teaching methods for calculations and could see the whole maths learning journey, would be more beneficial than individual Class evenings.
- With the E-safety evening in November, parent consultations and other Christmas events going on, it was agreed that an evening in January/February would be good timing.

6. Extended Schools activities

- Mrs R asked parents whether they felt the extended schools activities and provision were meeting children's needs. Parents were very positive that they were and that there was a good range of activities.
- A suggestion was made that parents received a list as in previous terms which highlighted which clubs children had been signed up for - Mrs R will follow this up for next term.
- Mrs R requested that if children are not able to attend an afterschool session parents let the school or OOSC know so that they can account for children's whereabouts and ensure robust safeguarding.

7. Out of School Club

- Mrs R reassured parents that any rumours about the imminent closure of the OOSC are untrue and that there will always be before and after school provision at Lothersdale School for the foreseeable future.

8. LSA

- Mrs R highlighted that the LSA are currently fundraising for the development of the school's woodland area at the front of school. Mrs R is currently meeting contractors to plan for future developments and hopes that improvements will be made before the end of the academic year. Additional funding will also be sought from donations that have been made to school and also local trusts.

9. Suggestions

- A request was made that the school reviews the company that it uses for school photographs due to high costs. Mrs R will look into this and compare costs of other companies and determine the best value for money.