

Autumn Term 2014
Parent Forum
Classes 3 and 4
Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th November
9.00 - 10.00am

Present: Mrs Robinson (HT), Mrs Benn, Mrs Howden, Mrs Binns, Mrs Shelton, Mr Mr Wilson , Mr Gallagher, Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Parker, Mr Robinson and Mrs Kirkley.

Apologies: None received

1. Home/School Relationship

- All parents present felt that relationships between Mrs Kingham, Mr Wheatstone and Miss Elliott and children were very positive. They commented that all teachers were approachable and that their children were very happy in their classes.
- Parents reported that they have found the Class curriculum evenings in September very useful. Class 3 parents reported that they thought Miss Elliott had given a very confident presentation. Class 4 parents had found the evening very supportive and felt that transition arrangements had been successful and had enjoyed Mr Wheatstone's humour!
- Mrs Robinson informed parents that once again they will receive a short written report at Christmas as interim feedback on how their child is progressing.
- Parents commented that they had had good interactions with staff and any queries or concerns had been followed up well.

2. Home/School Communication

- Everyone present felt that communication between home and school was good.
- Parents liked the fact that they can pay for clubs for the term and they know that they will be continuing for a whole term.
- Mrs Robinson clarified that parents are welcome to send emails into school for the attention of teachers and Mrs Ellison will forward them on to staff. Parents should use admin@lothersdale.n-yorks.sch.uk.
- A request was made that more letters are posted on the website so that parents can access copies if they have been misplaced.

3. New Curriculum

- Mrs Robinson discussed with parents the New Curriculum and shared copies of the new long term planning for each class. She talked about how the topics for each half term/term would be based on 'Learning Challenges' which take children on learning journeys. Copies of the long term plan will also be given out at parent consultation evenings.
- Mrs Robinson also discussed that the changes to the curriculum signified a 'rise' in the expectations of what children should be achieving in each age group. Mrs Robinson shared with parents a simple overview document for each age group which includes expectations for reading, writing and maths. Further copies will be given out to parents at the consultation evenings.

- Mrs Robinson also discussed that the 'Learn by Heart' mental maths progression document has been changed in school to reflect the new curriculum and an evening for parents will be held in the Spring term to give parents further information.

4. Assessment

- Mrs Robinson discussed briefly that parents will receive assessment information at Christmas in the same format that they're familiar with. Staff are now working with new assessment materials in line with the New Curriculum and parents will be informed when methods of reporting assessment information to parents change.

5. Health and Safety

- All parents present felt that there were no specific health and safety concerns.
- A short discussion was held about children having waterproof tops for PE - this is something Mrs Robinson will look into.
- A short discussion was also held about parking and a delivery van that caused problems at dropping off time.

6. Behaviour

- Parents had no concerns about behaviour.

7. Parent views/Suggestions for development

- A request was made to look at the possibility of not allowing children to take on the role of School Councillor several times and sharing out the opportunity to others in the year group. Mrs Robinson will follow this up.

Action Points:

1. Review number of times a child can be voted as School Councillor.
2. Maths curriculum evening in Spring term.
3. Post recent letters on the website.
4. Waterproof tops for PE