

Parents Forum – 07.06.22



Present	S. McCabe C. Murray D. Hawley
1. Welcome and Introductions	
<p>SM Thanked parents for attending. It was explained that SM as Executive Headteacher would lead the sessions. Colleagues will join as appropriate or required in relation to the agenda. Colleagues were introduced.</p>	
2. Guidance and Procedures	
<p>The aims of the forum were clarified as listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Work together to improve the education provided for our children · Share information, knowledge and skills · Further improve communication between parents/carers and staff/governors <p>Any parent/carer is welcome to join any parent forum meeting, and parents can attend meetings in relation to their availability.</p> <p>The forums give parents an opportunity to meet regularly and share views on what the school is doing well, and suggest ideas of how things can be improved.</p> <p>They provide staff with an opportunity to share/showcase developments and update parents and carers with information regarding school development.</p> <p>Minutes of the meetings will be shared via the newsletter and the school website.</p> <p>It is not the forum to discuss concerns or complaints involving individual children, families or members of staff.</p> <p>The parent's forums will be held termly.</p> <p>Items for discussion can be raised at the meeting in the AOB section; alternatively, items can be shared in advance by email to the school office.</p>	
3. Vision	
<p>SM shared her vision for the school and aims for development regarding teaching and learning and assessment.</p> <p>Marking and feedback was explored. The policy can be found on the website in relation to this. In addition to discussions regarding assessment, the focus linked to further improving the school and provision for our pupils. The drive is for the school to be the very best it can be. We work to ensure we foster a love of learning and all young people thrive and are motivated to make a positive impact on each other's lives.</p> <p>It was noted that the showcase session should be longer to enable parents to see and discuss their children's work.</p>	
4. Updates and Developments	
<p>Shared information regarding planned fire prevention work and electrical work to the building.</p> <p>The hall floor will be sanded at the start of July and will be like new.</p>	

Discussed responses and actions from the parent survey in March 2022 and discussed the you said, we did, document that was attached to the last newsletter – 27.5.22
It was noted that the preference would be 1 questionnaire per family rather than child and that paper copies at events to be considered.

5. Dates

Key dates for the remainder of this term were discussed:

20/6/22 - EYFS Sports Day

21/6/22 or 28/6/22 - Sports day TBC – Agreed that this would include reception children and will be reception to Year 6

22/6/22 - KS2—Whitehaven Cricket Tournament

4-8/7/22 - Forest School trips

7/7/22 - Thornhill's Got Talent Final

15/7/22- Leavers Assembly

18+19/7/22- KS2 - Harbour Youth project

20/7/22 - EYFS– Teddy Bear Picnic

21/07/22 - Last day of Term - School finishes at 1pm

AOB

- Uniform - uniform expectations have been shared with parents and these have not been shared in the past, there was discussion regarding this and the reference to grade 2 reference. SM confirmed we will review the uniform policy and this will be reviewed at the next governors meeting (June 27th) and the policy will be shared with parents and will be on the website
- LGB/Governors – C. Wharton attended the meeting and parents shared that they would like to have an opportunity to meet the Governors. Information regarding our LGB is available on the website. SM to invite Governors to attend the next meeting in the Autumn term
- Communication – discussion regarding Facebook and current methods to communicate which include text and email. West Lakes Multi Academy Trust has a Facebook page that shares information for all 5 schools in the trust.
- Good work assembly – SM confirmed that at this stage we do not plan to invite parents to good work assemblies but we will look to hold events which parents can attend on a half termly/termly basis. We have been working to move forward with this with the pupil showcase and our Jubilee event
- Meals – SM to explore fish on a Friday returning to the menu, and sugar on cereals at breakfast club. SM to explore further the position regarding additional servings. Previous vegetarian option has been fish.
- Contact with parents regarding an incident when child has been the receiver of poor behaviour – it was confirmed that this would happen on a case by case basis and to contact SM or class teacher to discuss this further