

Parent Focus Meeting – Tuesday 27th January 2015

Staff Attendees:

Mr Ord – Head of School

Mrs Drake – Administrator

Parents Attendees:

Mr Rylance

Mr Bickford

Mr Apps

Mrs Bastin

Mrs Sengupta

Mrs Bloomfield

Mrs Vigars

Mr Hoare

Miss Henson

Welcome by Mr Ord. All parents introduced themselves and said how many children they had and the ages of their children.

School Values : Independence, Interdependence, Thinking & Challenge.

Parents were asked if their children ever mention them at home. Most answered no, if they are mentioned it is usually “Independence”, i.e: “I worked independently today”.

Most parents thought the words were quite hard for children to understand the meanings of them and perhaps the use of simpler words might help the children understand them more enabling them to discuss them more with their parents. Perhaps the children could help come up with some new school values. “Respect” and “Unselfish” were two words mentioned for our values. “Respect” was the one word that came up most in the discussion.

It was pointed out that whatever the values are the children should be using them at home as well..

The idea of a “Mnemonic” to help children remember the values was discussed.

House Points are given to the pupils for their house teams, house team assemblies are held where the children discuss why they received a house point and often mention the value in this discussion.

All present felt that it would be good to discuss with children and parents a revised set of school values for September.

Uniform

Everyone present supported the link between raising standards and a school uniform that all are proud of. The parents felt children and parents need to know what's expected from the school with regards to the uniform – Parents are only told when their child first starts school what the uniform is. It was felt that putting a piece on the school website of what is expected will raise standards in the way children look and it needs to be stressed more to the children to look neat and tidy when entering the classroom.

Parent's felt any future changes to school uniform must be at a reasonable price.

Children's Behaviour

Mr Ord mentioned that most of the children's behaviour was excellent and we now have a good Pastoral team in place to deal with any issues. Parents mentioned that they liked the fact that when their child saw Mr Ord their child would be polite and respected him.

Discussed Lunchtime and that we always need more help at lunchtimes. If anyone knows of a potential lunchtime helper to work in school let the office know.

Any other Matters:

New Road layout

Parent's felt that there is some inappropriate parking on the road that makes it less safe. Mr Bickford (Police Officer) has offered his help with policing the dangerous parking outside the school.

All present said it was disappointing we had not been able to recruit a School Patrol Officer.

The meeting finished on a positive note:

Parents commented on how they felt the school had improved already and they like the fact Mr Ord is at the gate come rain or shine to say Goodbye to the children at the end of the day.

All parents in attendance at the meeting said they felt the school had a friendly, welcome feeling and there is a sense of community and feel this is important when choosing a primary school.

Proposed Date of next meeting is: Tuesday 24th February 2015 at 2.30pm