

Parents Forum Meeting 9.1.18

Attended: Ellie Burt, Debbie Parks, Sally McMillan, Clare Ragdale

Mrs Jones (Assistant Headteacher KS1)

Apologies: Rowan Chamberlain (will be stepping down from this year's forum due to work commitments), Lydia Brown, Pam Gregson

Firstly, Mrs Jones apologised that the email reminder for today's forum meeting failed to send, so some members of forum have sent belated apologies re meeting.

Autumn Reports:

Parents were happy about the format, as we had discussed in the previous meeting. There were a couple of concerns about the effect of attendance, as we have had a lot of illness across school this past term and this has impacted on pupils who are usually fine.

Mrs Jones explained that we have a duty to inform parents' about attendance and that the school register system gives us the percentages. It is important that parents are aware of the impact of non-attendance on their child, but we do understand that there are circumstances where pupils have to have time off due to illness. Forum members asked if we might be able to all include the percentage rather than just a tick in the relevant box for attendance so parents can see how close they are to the next band up.

Spring Report format

Mrs Gerver asked forum members to look at the revised format for the Spring report which we had introduced this time last year to see if the changes are clear to see.

Forum members liked the fact that the attainment is at the top and that the effort section has been moved down to the learning behaviours section.

This report will be going out at the end of the Spring term.

World of Work Week

Mrs Halliday has asked me to remind forum members that we will be inviting parents and their colleagues to come in and share their experiences of the world of work in the Summer term. Please look out for the invitation letter by February half term.

Parents Workshop

Debbie and Clare have kindly been coming in to do Parents Workshop every Tuesday afternoon for staff- thank you from all the staff. However, due to work commitments Clare will be unable to continue after half term. If you know of any parents that might be able to come and help us out that would be brilliant – it doesn't have to be a Tuesday if this is inconvenient, but if they would like to continue alongside Debbie that would be a good afternoon to come in.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th February 2018 at 9am.