

Minutes of Parent Forum Meeting 24th November 2021

Present

Rebecca Wilkinson
Ruth Culley
Lee Pimblett
Clare Dwerryhouse
17 Parent attendees

Parents were welcomed and it was explained to new parents that the purpose of the Parent Forum was to inform parents about what is happening in school as well as to gauge parental opinion. The trial of the new time (6pm) is to cater for working parents.

School feels a little more 'normal' than it did last year as we have:-

- Hot Dinners
- More Clubs
- Pupils entering for competitions (and being very successful)

We are hoping that soon we will be able to host live performances eg the Christmas Nativity. This will be led by the number of COVID cases at the time and the advice of the Local Authority

The Risk Assessment (available on the website) is constantly being updated. A number of restrictions have been kept eg:-separate playtimes and lunchtimes (which have resulted in fewer instances of poor behaviour).

For the time being, parent meetings will be held virtually. These include:-

- Parent Forum
- SEND Coffee Morning
- Assertive Mentoring Conversations

Lots is happening in school eg.:-

- Growth Mindset (this is helping to develop resilience in our pupils)
- Philosophy for Children (this is helping the children to reason, to speak articulately and to be able to see things from different perspectives)
- Climate Change (our school was selected to appear on a Climate Change film; the children have really embraced Climate Change and have created numerous posters including one at the front of school)
- Lots of interventions are happening in school (to catch pupils up); lots of investment has been put into the purchase of Chrome Books (currently all Upper Keystage 2 pupils have a Chrome Book as do all pupils on the SEND register)
- There is lot of support in place for our vulnerable pupils. In addition to our weekly pastoral meetings we have a counsellor supporting some pupils and Rainbows is scheduled to start in January
- As is the case in all schools in Knowsley we are currently focusing upon improving our attendance. Parents will be alerted if their child's attendance falls below 95% and if they fall into PA status. There are lots of incentives in place to encourage good attendance. Parents should get in touch with school if there are any issues at all surrounding their child's attendance-we are here to help.

Mrs Dwerryhouse outlined the school RSHE programme-parents had previously been sent out a booklet and some information about this programme.

Forthcoming events were discussed including:-

- Christmas CD (available on Parent Pay)
- Nativity
- PTA Events

Mrs Cook outlined some of the forthcoming PTA events including:-

- Pre-loved Book Sale
- Hamper Raffle
- 12 Days of Christmas event
- Easy Fundraising App

Parents were encouraged to get involved in whatever ways that they could.

Mrs Culley explained to parents the reason behind the 'Digital Technology' e mail that had gone out to parents earlier in the day. Parents were asked to check their child's online platforms as unkind communication online can filter into school.

Parents were thanked for their ongoing support of the school which is very much appreciated