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Parent forum 8/2/16

Introductions of new reps- Kate Middleton Silver class.

Apologies: Jan, Lyndsey, Chrissy and Alison

Termly reports feedback - HD/LP

All parent forum members agreed that these were a very effective way to have up to date information on their children's progress. One commented that it was a little concerning that it was the first time that assessment had been judged against age expectation, but after talking to their son's class teacher this was made clearer. Miss Danniells commented that from the Parent feedback questionnaires which were given out during family consultations, 116 completed. 69 (59%) strongly agree that they found the new termly report useful and 47 (40%) agreed. Parents have asked that social is added in, so we will add a box in teacher's comments to support this. The majority of parents commented that the reports were great and included everything they wanted to know. A couple asked for reading scores. Levels- these are no more.

2. Creative homework - LP

Miss Danniells commented that one parents had commented on the parent feedback questionnaire asking for this every other term. A couple of parents mentioned that parents have commented that the creative homework has become a little repetitive, the same activity but a different topic. A couple of parents mentioned that the children loved the making the cake task. Some parents have commented that they love the creative homework and see it as a great opportunity to spend some time with their children.

Miss Danniells said that she will take all the comments back to staff and will put it as an agenda item at the next SMT meeting.

3. The bus – TK

The bus has suffered a huge amount of vandalism since being moved. Community police have been given names and are monitoring it. Mr Day is coming to look at the security and Mr Darby is looking into lighting. Mr Delve has suggested we board the windows up and paint them, rather than Perspex as this is easier to cut and push through. We could use the painting as a competition or for our artists across the school.

Georgia Day suggested that we could paint the inside windows with chalkboard paint.

4. School shoes/trainers – LP

Some parents commented that a number of children are wearing black trainers for school. Some parents mentioned it's really hard to enforce the uniform policy when their children are observing children wearing converse etc.. Miss Danniells said that this is only allowed if it's in between buying new shoes. She will put a reminder on the newsletter of uniform expectations as we're approaching half term. Wearing trainers each day is not good for their feet as it makes them sweat.

5. Scooters/Segway's/skateboards – LP

Parents commented that since the football has stopped the top playground has become a skateboard park in the morning. Miss Danniells suggested launching a competition for the half term for children to design a sign/poster to remind children that we do not ride bikes/scooters etc... on the school premises. Parents felt this was a good idea.

6. New website - HD

Parent forum reps were all very positive about the new website. They like the class pages.

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- Georgia Day commented on how brilliant the Young Voices event was at the O2.
- Photos were taken of parent forum reps for the board.
- A couple of parents mentioned that they like the photos of the children on the newsletter for their out of school achievements.
- One parent asked whether APPS that are used in the classroom, could be added to the phase newsletters.

Date and time of next meeting: 7th March 2016 at 5pm.