



Abacus Primary School

Parent Forum – Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Monday 18th April 2016

Venue: School

1) Creative homework

Lara asked if there was any update in changing creative homework. Some parents had expressed more variety with an opportunity for the children to choose between creative or more conventional homework. The recent homework had seen no change and parents were unsure when this change would take place.

Miss Danniells confirmed that she has spoken to staff and they are going to look at alternative activities to carry out. This is most likely to start in September as the homework has been agreed for the year.

2) Attendance certificates

It was discussed that the school look at a 2-tiered system for attendance. A parent mentioned that it was a shame that children who had one day off a year did not get recognised for this as although not 100% was still a great achievement.

The 2-tiered system would be based on the whole year and could take on the format of getting a gold/silver certificate. Miss Danniells will go back to staff for ideas/feedback.

3) Taster sessions

A parent suggested more taster sessions for school dinners to help encourage children to try different dishes.

Miss Danniells said that this had happened in the past but only 2 families turned up and a lot of food had been wasted. This is something that the school organise for the new foundation children but could look at organising on top of an open teach event. There would be an opportunity for parents to say if they are able to attend to help the kitchen manage numbers.

4) School reports

The forum discussed how effective the new teamly school reports were. It was discussed that there had been an instance where the wrong child's name had shown. Miss Danniells has suggested that more proof reading will take place going forward.

Parents commented that they generally found the reports beneficial. Miss Danniells has spoken to staff and going forward the school is going to look at incorporating the spring term reports with the parent consultations to help form some discussion points with parents.

5) Race for life

The Race for life date has been set for Tuesday 28th June at 4pm. The school will set up a Just Giving page and this will be for the whole school community including friends and family.

We discussed inviting the new foundation children and families, and the local police are happy to support this event.

6) Next meeting dates

Monday 13th June 5pm

Monday 18th July 5pm

7) AOB

Miss Danniells informed the forum that she is looking at having transition days over several days in July rather than just one date. This will help children who are unwell/off and make the change over to different classes easier for children.

Meeting closed at 6pm

Next meeting Monday 13th June 2016

Signed:

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