

Minutes from parents forum meeting

Friday 16th March 9.45 am – 11 am

In Attendance – Mrs Chambers, Mrs Barwell, Mrs Slattery, Mrs Tyers, Mrs Barkley, Mr O Kane and Mrs McGrory.

1 Recap previous meeting and any actions taken.

Minutes from the previous meeting on 30th November 2017 were gone through in detail. The curriculum developments around Every Child a Talker and the Maths Hub mastery project were discussed at length. There was considerable discussion around the low baseline data for CLLD on entry to school and the results of this further up the school. It was acknowledged that some children are not exposed to language as a direct result of increased use of technology at an early age, and also the pressures of working hours having an impact on parent's time to spend with children. Employing the services of a speech and language therapist was talked about but this would be difficult to embed because of budget constraints. The nursery transition programme was also discussed and it was agreed that further links with the Ark will have an impact on smooth transition for the children concerned and also further develop EYFS practitioners in pedagogy as well as promote the school with preschool parents.

It was agreed by all members that ongoing E safety exposure for the children and parents needed to continue and more opportunities to educate parents as well as children explored.

The forum noted that the exposure of the governors through the weekly newsletter was extremely positive as was the regular attendance of governors in the weekly assemblies.

2 Update on curriculum development / peer review

Curriculum development was further discussed and a creative week was suggested by Mrs Tyers as one of the themed weeks for next year. The peer review format was explained by Mrs Chambers and she reported that the review had been extremely positive. Spelling was going to be looked at across

the school giving it a higher priority as well as the ongoing work on developing a more consistent approach to guided reading.

3 MAT position

Recent developments concerning the position of EM within the newly formed CMATs was discussed and the decision to place us within the Lincolnshire MAT explained in detail. All parent representatives expressed concern on the impact of being in such a widely spread MAT and how this would impact positively on the teaching and learning for pupils within the school as well as development for staff. Mrs Chambers concluded that she would keep the forum updated on further developments as we head towards September.

4 Promotion of the school

It was agreed by all forum members that the school is widely promoted and the reputation of the school is very positive. Further suggestions are to increase advertising opportunities through the local newspaper and Rutland Radio, look again at signage, compose a questionnaire to go out to parents that had applied for places and an open morning before the end of term 6. It was also agreed that Mrs McGrory and Mrs Chambers would get together in term 5 to look at a business plan to further promote the school.

5 Breakfast club

Mrs Tyers and Mrs Barkley reported that the club was going well but we need to build numbers. It was agreed that the children currently in the club would complete a questionnaire as well as promote the club through an assembly. There will be a direct reference to the breakfast club on the website for parents to look at.

6 AOB

Date for next meeting is Friday 18th May 2018 at 9.45 am.

A letter has been sent out to all Early Years parents to encourage them to join the forum.