

## Parent Forum Minutes - 30<sup>th</sup> September 9.15am

### Present:

Tom, Stacey, Fiona, Jenna, Jo, Marie, Laura, Rachael, and Jess.

### Apologies:

Shelley

Kate

### Items discussed:

- One way system – some changes needed. AM to put changes suggested and agreed on the newsletter. Changes to the times and Penguin door are generally working better although still some issues to resolve.
- Premier Sports at lunchtime: is there a reason why it is at lunchtime and not using Premier to run PE lessons? This is deliberately at lunchtimes to increase further physical activity and to promote collaborative play rather than to replace a PE lesson. Funding is designed to increase the amount of time children are physically active during the week.
- Home learning – we discussed what is useful and what isn't – some would prefer app based homework and some don't. AM explained that daily reading is essential and that spelling practise and TT Rockstars and Numbots really help with reading, writing and maths fluency. Anything else is additional and an added bonus. Bug Club is also being reintroduced for online reading and phonics.
- AM suggested that the school provide optional worksheets with GJ's weekly emails
- Spellings will be changing in the next week or so for Y1 and 2. We will no longer be doing spelling tests but instead will do fun challenges where children can work in teams, pairs or alone to spot spelling mistakes, fill in missing words etc. Parents will still need to support with spellings at home and practice daily and we shall also do a spellings arithmetic type lesson each day for 10 mins.
- We discussed the Reception Induction and it was felt it worked better once the period was shortened slightly. Communication was felt to be excellent.
- It was fed back that the school had done a good job in helping children to settle and that parents were appreciative.
- We discussed the school crossing and Stacey was going to mention the lack of success in recruiting a lollipop person to Jon and Jenna contacted Ian Boulton, who replied straight away to say that this was being taken to HR and would be addressed ASAP.
- It was asked if a system could be brought into place for parents to be told what children's behaviour has been like all week – something like an app score etc or a stamp in reading logs? AM to look into.

### AOB:

- Outdoor area around school needs tidying up. Agreed that AM would put Fiona's email on the newsletter so that a gardening team could be formed during the school day.