

Parent Voice Newsletter

Westlands Primary School



December 2017

Thank you to the people who have signed up to our parent forum this year. We held our first meeting on the 4th December. Parent's voice is something we really value at Westlands Primary so if there is anything you would like to share with the parent forum, please make sure you pass it on. We will be uploading photographs of the team onto the website after our next meeting so you know who they are.

Let's Celebrate

This term Forest School has started for some of our year 3 and 4 children. Take a look on our website at what they have been up to this term.

We had a really successful parents evening this term – thank you to all that filled in the questionnaire.

Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on Monday 22nd January at 2pm

Minutes from meeting

Agenda Items	Comments	Action
Welcome and introductions	Jennie (year 1 Mum) Asa (year R Dad) Lindsay (Yea R Mum) Mrs Hopkins – Executive Headteacher Mrs Pettett – Head of School	Not all of the parents attended this meeting.
Aims of the Parent Forum	Question – how often would we aim to meet? – Ideally half way through each half term.	Dates of next meeting to be circulated on the minutes of each meeting.
Parent Forum page on our Website (need photos!)	Next time the group are together photographs will be taken.	Arrange for a parent forum tab to be put on the school website for minutes to be uploaded. Photographs of the adults of parent forum to be displayed for all parents to see so they know who to approach if needed.
Identification of person to set agenda on behalf of the Parent Forum	Jennie	
Identification of person to take minutes on behalf of the Parent Forum	This could be Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Pettett or a parent - TBC	
Key themes and comments from Parent Survey: Highly positive, lots of very complimentary comments from across the school. Homework Bullying Use of Facebook to air concerns Parent evening booking appointments	Homework Home project each term - some of the comments from the parent survey were about marking of homework. We spoke as a group about some sort of acknowledgement for projects and a letter to go out at the beginning of each term to each year group with ideas for the termly project and the theme. Could there also be a celebration of termly projects on the website – each year group update could include something like this. The homework policy is on the website for parents to view if they are unsure about what is expected. Bullying	

	<p>We recognise that there are times when children don't get along and there are times when what is happening might be seen as bullying. We encourage parents to work with us to support their children – and to help to develop more positive relationships between all children. Each set of circumstances is different and so we would look to personalise and tailor the support needed in each case. We have looked to raise the profile of bullying and the expectations of positive behaviour towards one another through PSHE lessons and assemblies. This is in addition, of course, to the anti-bullying week that was held a few weeks ago.</p> <p>Facebook A parent raised concerns that another parent was sharing information about a situation within the school on Facebook. The school will not act on information shared on Facebook (unless it placed a child in danger or disclosed confidential information). If parents have concerns it is essential that they speak with staff at the school. Parents wishing to support the school might add a simple comment to negative statements seen online such as 'You should contact the school to sort this out'. The school and staff will not get into conversation within a social media forum.</p> <p>Parents evening appointments Could the parents evening link be sent out a little later in the evening? Can a reminder go out to parents at the start of the term with parents evening dates, rather than just the letter that goes out a week before?</p>	
<p>AOB (including items for next agenda)</p>	<p>Could there be photographs of the pastoral team on the website?</p> <p>Can something go on the school website about parking safely outside the school? We regularly write this in newsletters and send communication home to parents. We have recently asked the local PCSO to also patrol at the end of the school day to talk to parents about safe parking etc.</p>	<p>Mrs Pettett to action this and leadership team photographs.</p> <p>Put something on the school website about safe parking outside the school.</p>

