

# Parent Voice Newsletter

Westlands Primary School



## March 2018

We have a new representative on the parent forum, Mrs Bing. We would like to welcome her to the team and look forward to her positive contribution.

## Let's Celebrate

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

We have shared our results at the bottom of this newsletter. Thank you to all who attended.

## Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2pm

# Minutes from meeting

Agenda Items	Comments	Action
<b>Welcome new member to the parent Forum</b>	Joanne Bing has now joined Parent Forum as a representative of years 2 and 6.	Photo to be added to the parent forum page.
<b>How can we improve the parent forum enabling parents to share their viewpoints more readily.</b>	<p>Can we move the display board on the playground to a place where parents will see it more and have the parent forum newsletter displayed on there?</p> <p>We discussed the parent forum creating their own leaflet to advertise themselves and what the purpose of the forum is.</p> <p>A drop in session/table on the playground once a term before the parent forum meeting to be a presence to other parents and gather any agenda items</p> <p>Representative at parents open evening (new entrants evening for year R) to recruit new members early.</p>	Mrs Pettett to organise for display board to be moved. Parents to organise a leaflet to be made and shared.
<b>PTFA is it still running will there be a summer fair.</b>	As a school we are looking at how to re-establish the PTFA. If events are running like summer fairs etc, then they will be after school so there is more adult support.	
<b>How can parents support writing at home?</b>	<p>Using the end of year expectations that are shared with parents at the start of the year.</p> <p>Incorporating writing in with termly homework projects.</p> <p>Parents offered workshops to attend such as supporting phonics at home – these haven't been very well attended, could the school ask when parents would prefer to them to happen, either the start of the school day or the end.</p>	School to enquire with parents when they would prefer for workshops to be run – AM or PM to get parent voice and try to suit the needs of the majority of parents.
<b>Competitive team games</b>	<p>We do have competitive team games at WPS.</p> <p>Especially in key stage 2. We have had a tag rugby team and football team represent the school as well as some swimmers in a local swimming gala.</p> <p>We also have competitive team games with other schools in the trust</p>	
<b>Reception outside area.</b>	<p>Where parents walk over the grass area it has become very muddy.</p> <p>Thoughts shared about looking at quotes for soft play to be installed to support this. Good conversation about where this would be most effective was had.</p>	Mrs Pettett to seek quotes
<b>How successful has busters reading been for improving reading across the school?</b>	<p>This scheme has been very successful and one class has won a prize out of all of the other schools taking part. Two children from the school went to collect their prize from Leeds Castle.</p> <p>Conversations were had about different reading schemes and the buddy bear challenge.</p>	Mrs Pettett to speak to English lead about other initiatives for reading and review the reading bear scheme.
<b>AOB</b>	Can the minutes for the next meeting be sent through a week before so we can arrange to invite specific staff to the meeting if we need to?	

	<p>Mother's day supplement was lovely can we do the same for father's day?</p> <p>Parent questionnaire results from the recent parents evening were shared and how positive the comments were.</p> <p><b><i>Date of the next meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018</i></b></p>	
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## Parent questionnaire responses

### Westlands Primary School

Parent / Carer Survey Responses - March 2018				259 Returns				
		Agree+			Disagree+			Don't Know
		Number	%	Last Survey	Number	%	Last survey	Number
1	My child is happy at this school	259	100.0%	98.0%	0	0.0%	2.0%	
2	My child feels safe at this school	259	100.0%	98.5%	0	0.0%	1.5%	
3	My child makes good progress at this school	256	98.8%	99.0%	3	1.2%	1.0%	
4	My child is well looked after at this school	258	99.6%	99.3%	1	0.4%	0.7%	
5	My child is taught well at this school	258	99.6%	99.3%	0	0.0%	0.5%	1
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	250	96.5%	97.5%	9	3.5%	2.0%	
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	255	98.5%	98.0%	4	1.5%	2.0%	
8	The school is well led and managed	258	99.6%	99.3%	0	0.0%	0.7%	1
9	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	255	98.5%	98.0%	1	0.4%	1.5%	3
10	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	255	98.5%	98.0%	3	1.2%	2.0%	1
11	The school encourages my child to maintain good attendance	259	100.0%	99.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%	
12	I would recommend this school to another parent	259	100.0%	97.5%	0	0.0%	1.0%	