

## Minutes for parent forum meeting

05.05.17

- SATs

Mrs Carr shared preparations for SATs this year including the weekly booster groups that staff have been running to support reading and maths. Parents fed back that they had heard a lot of positive feedback from parents at the school gates regarding these sessions. As in previous years we will be providing breakfast for our Year 6s from 8:30am Mon-Thurs. This is a good way to help the children prepare themselves and it gives staff a chance to catch up with them and reassure them before they begin. Parents were very positive about this and commented on how other children had benefitted from this in previous years.

- Thrive area

Mrs Carr shared the progress of the Thrive programme in school, explaining the staff training that had taken place and the action plan for the Summer term. Parents were very interested in this approach, as in the last meeting, and were keen that we conduct a parents' information meeting to share the approach. Mrs Carr explained that this would happen as soon as staff were all trained and that she and Mr Brown had already created the information that they would share with parents as part of their practitioner assessment. Mrs Carr told parents of the need for small world toys for a lot of the activities in the Thrive programme. Parents suggested ebay, nearly new sales, charity shops and a note to ask parents for any unwanted small world toys. Mrs Carr will be looking into each of these options to resource the programme.

- Feedback from parent lunch set-up

Parents informed Mrs Carr that they had enjoyed the lunches and liked the opportunity to see what their children do and eat when at school.

A change of days and meals were discussed – Mrs Carr explained that this was mostly down to the kitchen's capacity to scale up the number of meals.

- AOB

#### Parents' Evenings

-Parents were interested to know if there was a set proforma for information shared at parents evening. Mrs Carr explained that there was not and that each teacher would vary the information they gave depending on the needs of the individual child. Parents requested that all parents were told the children's reading age as they find this most useful and that this was also still on their end of year reports.

-Children accompanying parents into parents' evenings meetings was brought up. It was agreed that it would be shared with staff that this should be the parents' choice as some parents preferred to have the time to discuss their child's progress and wellbeing in private.

-Some parents explained that they did not have the time and/or space to look at their children's books as thoroughly as they would have liked. They suggested that they are given the option to take them into the hall to look at after the meeting and that this would be a good opportunity to display key information for parents such as uniform expectations, golden rules, the Thrive programme and displays such as the Multi Faith one we had in previous years.

- Next meeting: to be confirmed