

Belton C of E Primary School Parent Forum Meeting

Thursday 23rd June 2016 2 - 3pm

Meeting Minutes

Present - Mrs Jones (Yr R teacher), Jo Oakley (Yr R parent), Eleanor Milne (Yr 1 parent), Kate Coulson (Yr R parent), Helen Woolgrove (Yr 2 parent).

Apologies - Karen Smith, Rachel Rudin, Sarah and Alfio Indelicato, Gemma Moyse, Vivien Collins and Deborah Cornwall

Prior to the meeting there were four main items identified for discussion:

- What's working well at Belton C of E Primary School?
- What could be better at Belton C of E Primary School?
- What is your perception of the children's behaviour within the school?
- Do you feel the rewards and sanctions are appropriate?

What's working well at Belton C of E Primary School?

Many of the school's strengths which were discussed in the last Parent Forum were once again highlighted as 'working well' at Belton school. These included:

- The community spirit - including how well the children mix across the different age groups further facilitated by whole school house activities.
- The transition of new starters from Belton playgroup - at the previous parent forum it was felt that further links could be made with local nurseries. Links with local nurseries have now been further established. Mrs Jones visited all new children in their local Nursery/Pre-school setting prior to starting school this year.
- Breakfast club was labelled "invaluable".
- The number and availability of free after school clubs
- The availability of teachers at the beginning and end of the day
- Communication between teachers and parents further facilitated by information boards outside the classrooms.
- How well *all* staff know the children.

What could be better at Belton C of E Primary School?

- The year group restrictions for after school clubs was discussed and it was agreed that restrictions must apply for the well-being of the children.
- Short notice of clubs being cancelled. It was explained that this was unavoidable at times but will be kept to a minimum where possible.
- Following two sponsored events in the same month, it was felt that they could be better spaced throughout the year.
- The possibility of Year 2 French/language lessons and a language club was raised and this will be raised in a staff meeting

What is your perception of the children's behaviour within the school?

All parents felt that the behaviour of the children in school is good.

The parents genuinely had nothing else to add to this. They all felt that children's behaviour was something that was 'working well' within school.

Do you feel the rewards and sanctions are appropriate?

It was noted that children were motivated by the green cards and had a good understanding of the yellow and red cards. One parent had introduced a marble jar at home.

Next meeting - Tuesday 4th October 2-3pm in the school staff room.

All parents welcome, please contact Mrs Jones.

Should you have any items you wish to add to the agenda/AOB please email them to Mrs Jones at office@belton.leics.sch.uk